

Revised Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11 Municipal Year

The revised work programme for the themed scrutiny panels for the remainder of this municipal year was agreed at the Scrutiny Management Panel meeting on 4 November 2010 (updated following suggestions proposed at the meeting on 16th December) and reflects the current scrutiny priorities. The table below shows the current status of scrutiny reviews and the topics that are scheduled for the remainder of 2010/11 municipal year.

Current Status of Reviews	Outstanding topics for review during 2010/11
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Economic Development, Culture & Leisure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure on properties under the Culture Portfolio (report submitted to Cabinet due to be considered in February 2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Strategy – work stream from strategy for pre-decision scrutiny
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Education, Children & Young People</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of vulnerable children (to incorporate the executive summary of baby AB case) (report received by Cabinet in December 2010) 	<p>The panel have been requested by SMP to assist HOSP as they have a very hectic work schedule at present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paediatric Cardiac Services (report back to HOSP) • Persistent absence • Teacher & Education worker protection and safety • Discipline and control of unruly children (carried over)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Scrutiny Management Panel)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council's Use of Consultants (report agreed by Cabinet in January 2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Budget Process – February 2011 <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public/employee suggestion scheme • Cost of democracy • Corporate website & access strategy • Accommodation in the civic offices • Business continuity <p style="text-align: center;">(are these still deemed priorities, bearing in mind they were identified some time ago)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Traffic, Environment & Community Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge from QA Hospital and St James's Hospital (review ongoing - report back to HOSP) 	<p>The panel have been requested by SMP to assist HOSP as they have a very hectic work schedule at present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments managed by the City Council (Cllr Park gathering information on this subject and will present his findings to SMP at a later date.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Housing & Social Care</u></p>	<p>The panel have been requested by SMP to assist HOSP as they</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Health Budgets (review ongoing - report back to HOSP) • Allocation of Housing, including Local Authority Housing's under-occupation policy and its use. This review will also incorporate the outstanding work programme items of mental health housing provision and allocation of housing provision. (report considered by Cabinet in December 2010) 	<p>have a very hectic work schedule at present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No outstanding topics
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Health Overview Scrutiny Panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies (this issue has not yet been scrutinised as the Strategic Health Authority has yet to decide on this issue. There is currently a Judicial Review being conducted regarding the decision by Southampton City Council to fluoridate their water supply and this issue is unlikely to be dealt with whilst the Judicial Review is ongoing) (being held in abeyance until JR issue is resolved – High Court decision expected January/February 2011) • Alcohol Related Hospital Admissions – the panel are one of ten local authorities in England who have been granted Scrutiny Development Area status by the Centre for Public Scrutiny to conduct a specific review that will help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See comments below

to develop a scrutiny toolkit for the benefit of other local authorities. The review must report their findings in December and the review has involved a wide variety of work shadowing opportunities for the panel. (due to publish their report in January 2011)	
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The transformation currently underway within the NHS is on an unprecedented scale and in order for the HOSP to maintain a good understanding and monitoring of the changes, at the same time as conducting their primary function of scrutinising the local health economy, the panel have requested assistance from other panels to look at key areas of, Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, Discharge of patients from QA and St James's Hospitals and Personal Health Budgets. The panels will conduct a stage 1 scrutiny review of these topics and report their findings back through HOSP during March 2011.