

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2nd June 2016

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TRAINING – POTENTIAL ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY IDENTIFIED DURING TRAINING ON 31ST MAY 2016

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor John Fisher, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services.
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to consider items for scrutiny suggested by Members who attended scrutiny training on 31st May 2016. Members are asked to determine which, if any, of these items should be added to the Committee's Work Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE:**

- 1) to identify items from the list attached at Appendix 1 to this report which should be added to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme; and**
- 2) that the report be noted.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 An Overview and Scrutiny training session was held on 31st May 2016. This session provided an update on the role and powers of the process and an opportunity for Members to suggest items that could be scrutinised over the next two years.
- 3.2 Every Member of the Council was invited to attend this session, though a number had provided their apologies in advance. The following Councillors did attend: Councillors Baker-Price, Bennett, Brookes, Chalk, Hartnett, Hill, King, Potter, Thain and Wood-Ford.
- 3.3 During the training in two groups Members identified topics that might be suitable for further scrutiny. To assist in this process the following was considered by Members:

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- A list of policies and reports due to be considered shortly by the Executive Committee and listed on the Executive Committee's Work Programme.
- A list of recent past decisions made by the Executive Committee.
- Suggestions from the Council's Corporate Management Team (CMT).
- A summary of key issues impacting on the local community reported on by the press in recent months.
- A list of topics that have previously been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.4 At the end of this exercise Members had identified thirteen potential items for scrutiny which are detailed in Appendix 1 to this report. Some of these topics have been proposed as suitable for Task Group exercises whilst other topics were considered more appropriate for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to debate.

Financial Implications

3.5 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

3.6 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Service / Operational Implications

3.7 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee previously agreed that there should only be two Task Groups or Short, Sharp Reviews at any one time. However, Members are asked to note that as there are no elections in Redditch in 2017 and the Committee can schedule items for consideration at any time over the next two years.

3.8 Scoping documents, containing the proposed terms of reference for a review, would need to be completed before any decision could be taken to launch a Task Group / Short, Sharp Review. This report therefore simply provides an opportunity to identify topics which Members may wish to progress to the scoping stage.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

3.9 A small number of the topics that were proposed during the training on 31st May do have equalities and diversity implications. The specific implications should be explored in further detail on a case by case basis as and when required.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

No specific risks have been identified.

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5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Training Items 31st May 2016.

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