

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thu 6 Nov
2008
7.00 pm

Committee Room Three
Town Hall
Redditch



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Welcome to today's meeting.

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Agenda Papers

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Running Order

Items will normally be taken in the order printed but, in particular circumstances, the Chair may agree to vary the order.

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DO I HAVE A "PERSONAL INTEREST" ?

- Where the item relates or is likely to affect your **registered interests** (what you have declared on the formal Register of Interests)

OR

- Where a decision in relation to the item might reasonably be regarded as affecting **your own** well-being or financial position, or that of your **family**, or your **close associates** more than most other people affected by the issue,

you have a personal interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare the existence, and nature, of your interest and stay**

- The declaration must relate to specific business being decided - a general scattergun approach is not needed
- **Exception** - where interest arises only because of your membership of another **public body**, there is no need to declare unless you **speak** on the matter.
- You **can vote** on the matter.

IS IT A "PREJUDICIAL INTEREST" ?

In general only if:-

- It is a personal interest **and**
 - The item affects your **financial position** (or conveys other benefits), or the position of your **family, close associates** or bodies through which you have a **registered interest** (or relates to the exercise of **regulatory functions** in relation to these groups)
- and**
- A member of public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably believe the interest was likely to **prejudice** your judgement of the public interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare and Withdraw**

BUT you may make representations to the meeting before withdrawing, **if** the public have similar rights (such as the right to speak at Planning Committee).



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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs: P Mould (Chair) R King
D Smith (Vice-Chair) W Norton
K Banks D Taylor
M Chalk D Thomas
W Hartnett

1. Apologies and named substitutes	To receive apologies for absence and details of any Councillor (or co-optee substitute) nominated to attend this meeting in place of a member of this Committee.
2. Declarations of interest and of Party Whip	To invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in items on the Agenda and any Party Whip.
3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 28)	To confirm the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a correct record. (Minutes attached) All Wards
4. Actions List (Pages 29 - 32)	To note the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Actions List. (Report attached) All Wards
5. Call-in and Pre-Scrutiny	To consider whether any Key Decisions of the Executive Committee's most recent meeting(s) should be subject to call-in and also to consider whether any items on the Forward Plan require pre-scrutiny. (No separate report). All Wards

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6. Task & Finish Reviews - Draft Scoping Documents	<p>To consider any scoping documents provided for possible Overview and Scrutiny review.</p> <p>No Scoping Documents to consider.</p> <p>(No reports attached)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
7. Task and Finish Groups - Progress Reports	<p>To consider progress to date on the current reviews against the terms set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The current reviews in progress are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Council Flat Communal Cleaning Task and Finish Group – Chair – Councillor P Mould; and2. Third Sector Funding Task and Finish Group – Chair – Councillor D Thomas. <p>(Oral reports)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
8. Role of the Mayor Task and Finish Group - Draft Final Report	<p>To consider the draft final report and recommendations from the Role of the Mayor Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>(Report to follow).</p> <p>All Wards</p>
9. Joint Scrutiny Exercise into Flooding	<p>To consider further developments in the Joint Scrutiny Exercise on Flooding.</p> <p>(Oral report)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
10. University of Birmingham Training - Oversight and Scrutiny	<p>To consider arrangements for attending a training module at the University of Birmingham in 'Oversight and Scrutiny'.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>

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11. Referrals	<p>To consider any referrals to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee direct, or arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Executive Committee or full Council• Other sources. <p>(No separate report).</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
12. Work Programme (Pages 33 - 38)	<p>To consider the Committee's current Work Programme, and potential items for addition to the list arising from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Forward Plan / Committee agendas• External publications• Other sources. <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
13. Exclusion of the Press and Public	<p>Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Borough Director, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:</p> <p>"That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act".</p>



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MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Phil Mould (Chair), Councillor David Smith (Vice-Chair) and Councillors K Banks, M Chalk, W Hartnett, R King and D Thomas

Also Present:

Councillors C MacMillan, B Quinney, W Arthur, Harrison, Rowe and Wilson (Worcestershire County Council)

Officers:

J Staniland

Committee Officers:

J Bayley and H Saunders

84. APOLOGIES AND NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Norton and Taylor.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of interest or of any party whip.

86. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 24 September be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

87. ACTIONS LIST

The Chair referred to item one on the Actions List regarding the visit by Members of the Committee to observe a Select Committee meeting in London. All members that had attended the meeting agreed that it had been a useful exercise and had demonstrated

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Chair

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how scrutiny was conducted at central government level. Members were informed that it would be useful in the future for Members to attend one of the annual Parliamentary Seminars provided by the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

Officers explained that in response to item eight, information regarding the disposal of minor land disposals had been sent out to Members on 9th October. Officers also confirmed that information regarding items eleven, twelve and thirteen, relating to the report from Environmental Services Officers, had been sent to Members on 10 October.

RESOLVED that

- 1) **Officers be requested to provide Members of the Committee with further information about the Parliamentary Seminar series provided by the Centre for Public Scrutiny when this information becomes available; and, subject to this,**
- 2) **the report be noted.**

88. CALL-IN AND PRE-SCRUTINY

There were no call-ins and no proposed items for pre-scrutiny.

89. TASK & FINISH REVIEWS - DRAFT SCOPING DOCUMENTS

There were no draft scoping documents to consider at this meeting.

90. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS - PROGRESS REPORTS

The Committee received update reports in relation to current reviews.

- a) Council Flat Communal Cleaning – Chair, Councillor P Mould

The Chair explained that one meeting had taken place where the Group had considered the Scope of the review. A visit was planned for the following Friday. The Group planned to examine council flats that had cleaning arrangements which were subject to the Council's cleaning contract as well as Council flats which had cleaning arrangements which were not covered by the contract. A further meeting had been scheduled in November for the Group to consider the

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cleaning contract in detail. Relevant Officers would be interviewed during the meeting.

b) The Role of the Mayor – Chair, Councillor M Chalk

Councillor Chalk advised that the Group had completed interviews with expert witnesses including a representative from the press. He explained that at its next meeting, the Group would be discussing its recommendations. These recommendations were due to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 November.

c) Third Sector – Chair, Councillor D Thomas

Councillor Thomas explained that the Group had undertaken interviews with expert witness and had recently interviewed Officers from Worcestershire County Council. The purpose of this interview was to learn more about the Shopping, Investing and Giving (SIG) process that the County used to allocate grants to voluntary and community sector organisations.

In addition, the Committee were informed that invitations had been sent from the Group to third sector organisations inviting them to a Third Sector consultation event. This event would provide third sector organisations with an opportunity to comment on the Group's funding proposals.

RESOLVED that

the Task and Finish Group update reports be noted.

91. JOINT SCRUTINY EXERCISE ON FLOODING

The Chair explained that the presentation of the findings of the Worcestershire Joint Scrutiny Exercise on Flooding was no longer due to take place at the Committee meeting on 6 November.

Councillor Chalk explained that the County Group had decided that the external individuals and organisations involved in the exercise should be given an opportunity to comment on the report. The process of gathering feedback from these individuals and organisations had postponed the finalisation of the report. Officers clarified that, as the Committee meetings scheduled for 26 November and 17 December had busy agendas it was likely that this report would be presented to the Committee in the New Year.

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RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

92. PASSENGER TRANSPORT IN REDDITCH

The Chair welcomed Officers from the Integrated Passenger Transport Unit, based at Worcestershire County Council, to the meeting. A presentation was given to the Committee (attached as Appendix A) which explained the background to the Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review. It was explained that the basis of the review was to provide evidence to support the development of sustainable schemes to improve public transport in Worcestershire. There were eight stages to the review.

Officers explained that they had completed a strategic analysis of passenger transport in Redditch. One of the three key outcomes of this analysis was that the western circular route in the town needed to be improved. Development of this route was deemed a priority, owing to the high demand for this corridor. One bus operator had expressed an interest in operating this service and it was anticipated that the western circular would be launched in the following year.

The second key outcome from the review was the recognition of the need for improvements at the Alexandra Hospital. Worcestershire County Council had been working in conjunction with the Primary Care Trust and the Council to develop a passenger interchange at the hospital. However, funding had not yet been secured for the scheme.

The third key outcome from the review was that of the taxi bus service. The review had identified that public transport users based in the Crabbs Cross area of the town were isolated, especially in the evening. As a result the evening taxi bus services on the western and eastern circular routes had been introduced. It was reported to the Committee that, when the service was introduced in 2005, monthly passenger numbers totalled 193. By May 2007, this figure had risen to 464. With the addition of extra routes, passenger numbers between July and September 2008 had risen to 2,375. The subsidy level had been reduced from £9.99 in 2007 to £2.32 in 2008.

Officers explained that they were in the process of reviewing future funding for the taxi bus service, as the original funding provided by the Urban Bus Challenge was due to run out. Interest in the service

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had been expressed by the bus operators and it was envisaged that the service would be continued.

Members asked whether the implications of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for extra homes in the Borough had been taken into account in the study. Officers explained that the RSS contained specific requirements for sustainable land use planning and it was widely understood that additional infrastructure would need to be in place for any additional housing that was built. Any developers building new homes would be required to work with the County Council through Section 106 agreements to meet the sustainability agenda.

Members commented that Redditch relied on the bus network for movement around the town and that it was important to maintain the bus only routes in order to preserve this. Members also commented that there were many partners that worked together to provide bus services in the town but communication between them was inconsistent. Furthermore, elected Members felt that they were often left out of communication on transport issues. Officers from the County reminded the Committee that there was the opportunity to receive information about transport related issues through the Joint Member and Officer Transportation Forum.

Safety issues regarding the buses were discussed by the County Council Officers. Safety was a factor that influenced the use of buses in the evening. Officers suggested that this was an issue for a community safety partnership to address. Officers also informed the Committee that there had been an increasing problem of safety at the bus station, in particular with dangerous vehicle movement around the station. Officers reported that an independent health and safety inspection had been commissioned to examine this issue further.

Members questioned safety in relation to accidents on the bus only routes within the town and whether these issues had been addressed in the review. Officers explained that a lack of public road safety awareness, in particular of bus only routes, might contribute to the cause of accidents. Bus Groups within the County had considered this issue and decided to implement an education programme within schools to raise awareness of the dangers of the bus only routes.

Members commented on the problems experienced on the eastern circular route, particularly the regularity of buses in the morning. The Committee was informed that this issue was a symptom of the early morning peak period when, owing to heavy congestion, buses

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became increasingly late. Members questioned whether there were any plans to increase the regularity of services to the Alexandra Hospital on this route. The Committee were informed that the operator had withdrawn this service because of difficulties in operating the service reliably. Extensive highway works were needed to resolve the access issue to the hospital.

The Committee thanked the County Officers for attending the meeting. The Committee, in light of the information with which they had been provided, considered the need for a scrutiny exercise on public transport in the town. Members decided that, because of the extensive nature of the review conducted by the County Council, there was no immediate need for a scrutiny of the subject. However, Members agreed to invite Officers from the County Council back to a future meeting of the Committee to receive an update on the progress of the review.

RESOLVED that

- 1) **Officers from Worcestershire County Council be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday 8 April 2009 to provide an update on the progress of the Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review; and**
- 2) **the report be noted.**

93. FEES AND CHARGES TASK AND FINISH GROUP – UPDATE REPORT ON RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS

Officers introduced a report which provided an update on recommendations made by the Fees and Charges Task and Finish Group in March 2008 regarding planning charges. The Committee heard that the report was a draft of a report which was due to be considered by the Executive Committee on Wednesday 19 November.

Planning Officers had suggested that they attend a future meeting of the Committee in 2009 to inform Members about the impact of the implementation of these charges. The Committee was informed that relevant finance Officers would report back to the Committee in February 2009 regarding the implementation of the Charging Policy, which had been introduced following recommendations made by the Task and Finish Group.

Members queried the cost of a meeting. Officers explained that they had requested further clarification on this and that it would be

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made clear by the time the report was considered by the Executive Committee.

RESOLVED that

subject to the matters recorded in the preamble above, the report be noted.

94. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNUAL REPORT - ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT (COUNCILLOR COLIN MACMILLAN)

The Chair welcomed Portfolio Holder for Local Environment, Planning and Transport, Councillor Colin MacMillan, to the meeting. Councillor MacMillan explained that he had prepared answers to the six questions that the Committee had proposed. He informed the Committee that, since he had taken on the role he had focussed primarily on: the Planning Advisory Panel; Economic Development within the town; environmental issues; and waste management.

With regard to the progress of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), Councillor MacMillan explained that the Draft Preferred Options were currently being consulted upon. The document was due to be considered by the Executive Committee on 19 November with a full response expected after the full Council meeting on 8 December.

In response to question four, regarding carbon neutral housing, Councillor MacMillan explained that the RSS would be advocating that all new housing built by the year 2016 should conform to the national target set for carbon neutral housing. Members commented that some of the houses recently built in Redditch had been carbon neutral, though this had largely gone unrecognised within the mainstream media. Councillor MacMillan explained that a Climate Change Policy was due to be incorporated as part of the draft Core Strategy. The Council's policy recommended that 10% of any building's energy requirements should be met using renewable sources.

In response to question five, regarding identification of the Council's carbon footprint, Councillor MacMillan explained a report on this topic was due to be considered at an Executive Committee meeting in November. In order to tackle this issue, the Council needed to make extra resources available. Members commented that, as the Council was required to find 3% savings this year, it might be difficult for the organisation to find the resources to support this piece of work.

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Councillor MacMillan was unaware of plans by Worcestershire County Council to combine waste management into a county wide service. Members explained that the County Council was keen to operate collections and disposals for the whole County. Councillor MacMillan explained that, if there was a convincing business case for the County Council to assume responsibility for delivering this service, he would be willing to consider the option.

In response to the final question, on the subject of travelling around the Borough, Councillor MacMillan commented that he felt there was a good road system and bus network in the town. However, he believed that the town lacked comprehensive and connected cycle network. Members observed that the resourcing and promotion of both footpaths and cycle paths needed more attention. They suggested that examining the five year plan, the footpaths and cycle paths could be a potential subject for scrutiny.

The Chair thanked Councillor Macmillan for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

95. REFERRALS

There were no referrals at this meeting.

96. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its rolling Work Programme.

Officers explained that the Committee was due to receive an update in April 2009 on progress in respect of the recommendations from the Communications Task and Finish Review. However, Officers explained that these recommendations had not been reconsidered by the Executive Committee or by full Council since June 2008, when further work was requested. Members requested that Officers contact relevant Officers and Members to clarify the date when the recommendations would be considered by the Executive Committee.

The Chair explained that the Work Programme Planning Day had been added to the Committee's Work Programme. However, he suggested that, as a number of topics for scrutiny had been suggested during the previous Work Programme Planning Day which had not yet been considered, they did not need to hold

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another event for 2009/10. Members instead requested a scrutiny training session for 2009.

RESOLVED that

- 1) **Officers contact relevant Officers and Members to clarify the date when the recommendations of the Communications Task and Finish Group would be considered by the Executive Committee;**
- 2) **Officers remove the Work Programme Planning Day from the Work Programme and arrange a scrutiny training session in its place for 2009; and**
- 3) **subject to the above, the Work Programme be noted.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 9.00 pm



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ITEM 3

**MINUTES – APPENDIX A -
WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL’S PRESENTATION
ON PASSENGER TRANSPORT
IN REDDITCH**

The Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review

Martin Rowe - Transport Development Officer

Chris Wilson – Transport Development Officer

Steve Harrison - Transport Development Team Leader



Why undertake the Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review?

- Provide the **Evidence** on which to base development of **sustainable** schemes to improve PT in Worcestershire
- Provide a **quantifiable basis** on which to construct scheme business case
- **Essential** for major funding applications to DfT, AWM etc.
- Identify “problems” and generate **possible solutions**
- Provide **baseline data** for monitoring scheme performance
- Feed into **Integrated Passenger Transport Strategy for Worcestershire**



Process Used for Area Review

- 8 Basic Stages:

- Stage 1: Travel demand & existing network performance
- Stage 2: Appraisal of network performance problems
- Stage 3: Identify methods of solving identified problems
- Stage 4: Scheme Development
- Stage 5: Identifying funding sources
- Stage 6: Prepare Funding Bids
- Stage 7: Detailed scheme development & specification
- Stage 8: Implementation



Process Used for Area Review

- Looking at Stage 1, the key elements are:
 - Data collation & collection
 - Assess of existing and forecast demography
 - Assess existing & forecast travel patterns (PT users & non-users)
 - Define existing PT network supply
 - Assess accessibility provided by the existing PT network
 - Review operational performance of the PT network
 - Review existing PT demand and revenue
 - Review costs of operating the PT network
 - Review the “competitiveness” of the PT network
 - Review PT infrastructure
 - Review PT vehicles/rolling stock
 - Review PT information
 - Report & initial recommendations



The Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review –Where are we now?

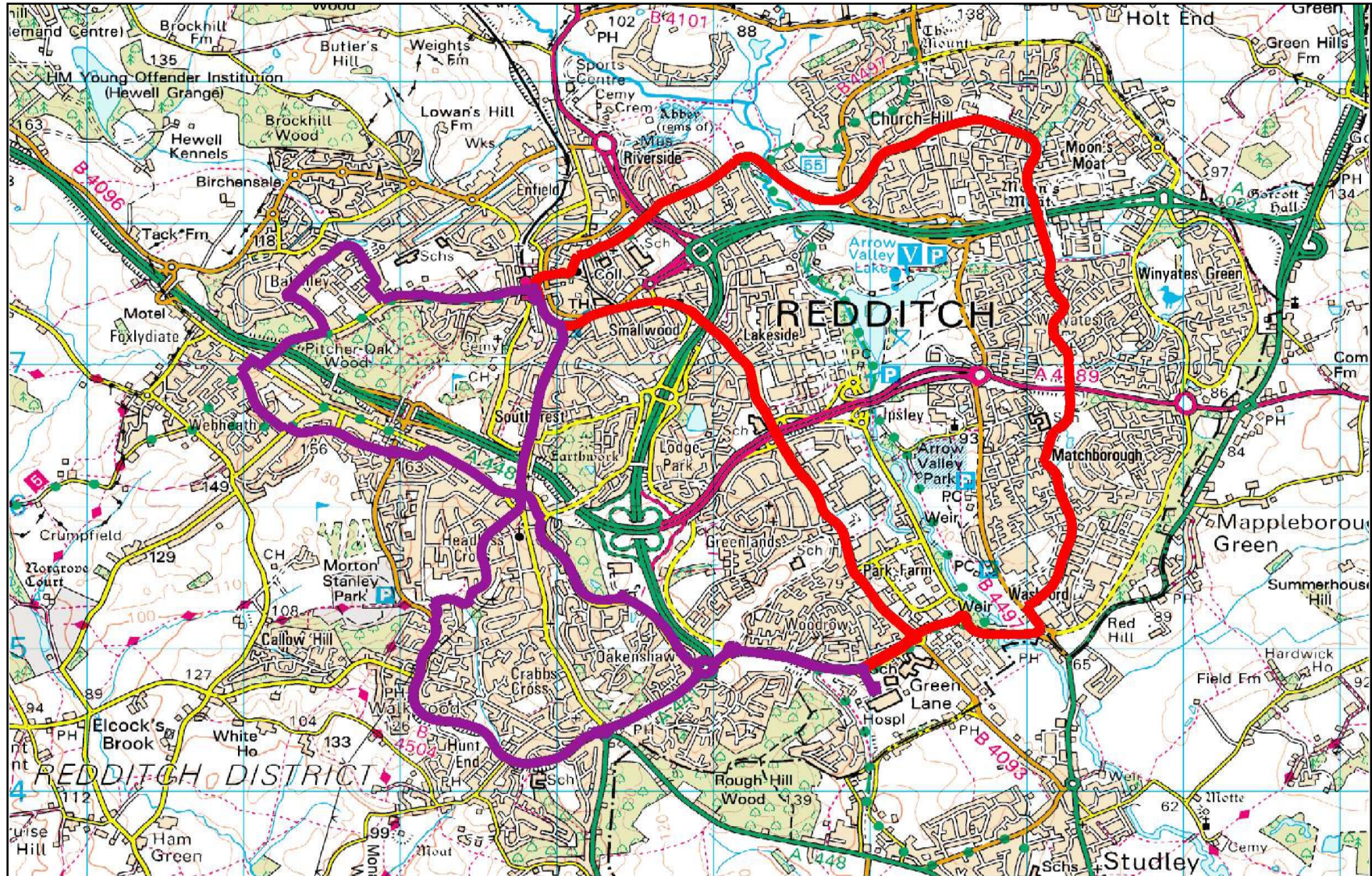
- Strategic analysis of Redditch's Passenger Transport Network undertaken
- Areas of poor passenger transport accessibility identified
- Schemes identified to enhance passenger transport accessibility to key services and facilities

Outcomes of the Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review

- The Review highlighted a series of schemes to improve the passenger transport network in Redditch:
 - **The Western Circular**
 - **The Alexandra Hospital Interchange**
 - **The Redditch Evening TaxiBus Network**



The Western Circular





The Western Circular

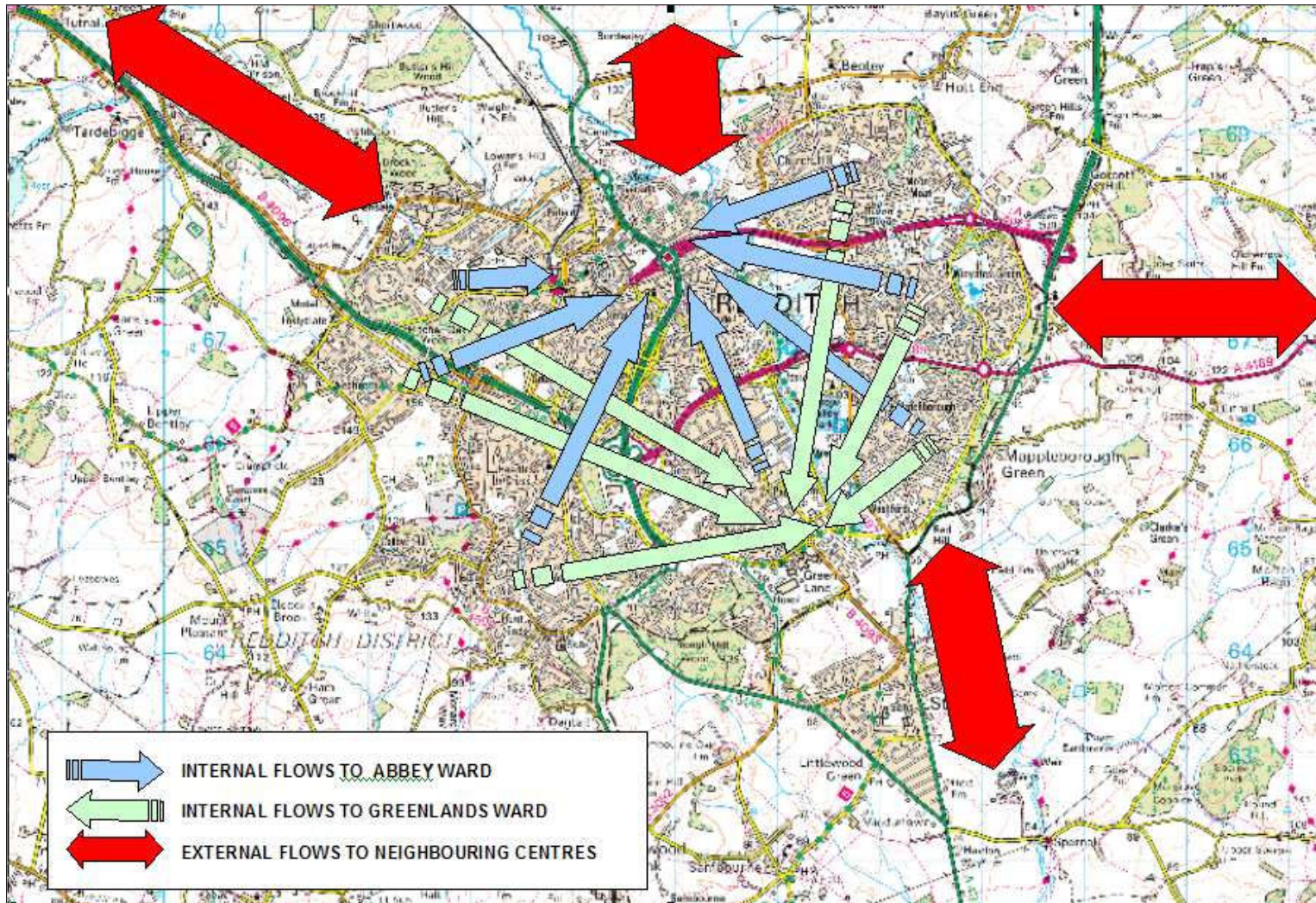
- Why develop a Western Circular?
 - There is already high demand for this corridor:
 - 8000 JTW return trips per day (2 million per annum)
 - Current bus mode share of 10% - potential to treble this.
- Business Case for Western Circular developed and then shared with operators
- Operator expressed interest in service. However, hospital extension not yet included because of “network constraint”.
- New Western Circular will launch later this year – watch this space!



The Alexandra Interchange

- The Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review proved that most significant JTW flows are to/from Greenlands and Abbey Wards (where there are concentrations of Health, Education, Leisure, Employment and Retail services and facilities that people want to use)
- Journeys to Abbey ward (town centre) can interchange at the bus station in the Kingfisher Centre. No such facility exists in Greenlands (including the hospital) *despite strong potential demand.*
- **South Redditch is becoming more and more inaccessible for passenger transport.**

The Alexandra Interchange (Continued)





The Alexandra Interchange - Progress

Worcestershire County Council is currently working closely with Worcestershire Primary Care Trust and Redditch Borough Council to develop a passenger transport interchange

This is expected to involve:

- The development of a multimodal interchange
- Re-routing of existing services to serve the hospital
- Implementation of extensive, appropriate bus priority measures, to ensure that passenger transport and emergency service vehicles receive priority access and egress from the Hospital site.

**However, in order to deliver this more quickly –
We need your support!**



Redditch Evening Taxibus Service

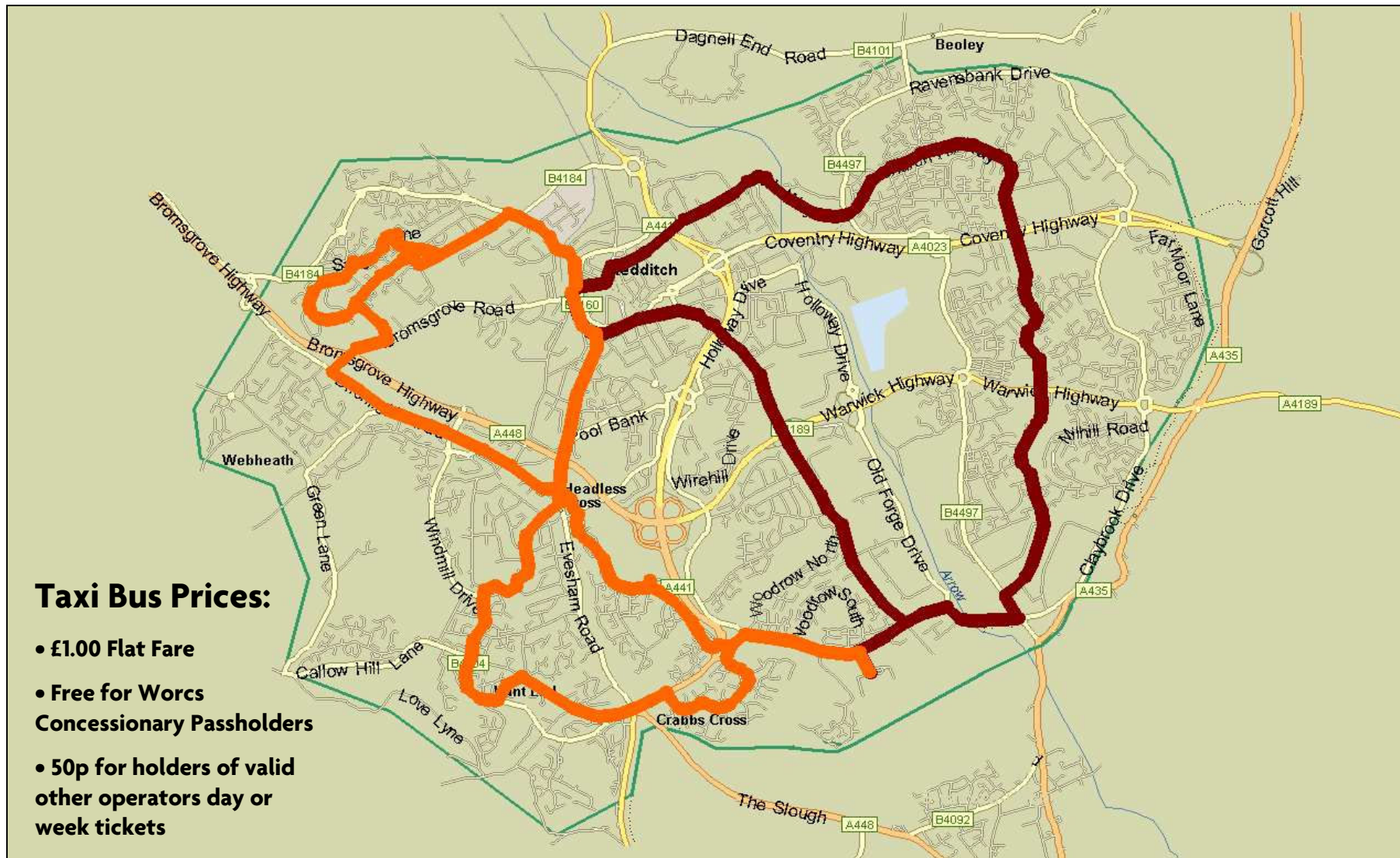
Service Launch

- As a result of technical work undertaken as part of the Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review, Evening bus services were re-launched in Redditch as part of an evening Taxibus network after 8 years of decline.

Service Provision

- The Taxibus network consists of an Eastern circular, which operates at a 15 minute frequency and a Western circular, which operates at a 20 minute frequency, with interchange points at the Redditch Bus Station and the Alexandra Hospital.

Redditch Evening Taxibus Service





Redditch Evening Taxibus Service

- **Passenger Numbers** - The services' use has grown from a baseline figure of 464 passenger journeys per month in May 2007, to an average of 2375 per month for the period July to September 2008.
- **Subsidy** - The subsidy per passenger journey has reduced from £9.99 in May 2007 to £2.32 in September 2008.
- **Funding** - The existing services are operated as a result of Worcestershire County Council's successful bid to the Urban Bus Challenge, of which the Redditch Urban Bus Challenge will end later this year. Worcestershire County Council is currently exploring ways to continue to fund this service once this grant ceases.



What will these schemes deliver?

- **Improved Productivity and Competitiveness** – decongestion of road networks will improve the wider economy of Redditch by promoting opportunity.
- **Preparing for Climate Change** – by encouraging modal shift to passenger transport and reducing congestion.
- **Safety, Security and Health** – by encouraging more use of public spaces, and providing a safe means of accessing key services and facilities, these schemes will promote Safety, Security and Health in Redditch.
- **Quality of Life** – If services and facilities are easily accessible, overall quality of life is dramatically improved. Reducing traffic and emissions will also assist in improving quality of life for residents.
- **Equality of Opportunity** – Passenger transport is available to everyone, and provides opportunities for all to access services and facilities, and thus improve their quality of life.

Actions requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date Action Requested	Action to be Taken	Response
09/07/08 1	Members asked Officers to maintain a detailed record of unauthorised encampments in the Borough. Officers were asked to present this record before the Committee in Autumn 2008. The record would be used to assess the effectiveness of the revised version of the Worcestershire Joint Policy on Unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller Encampments.	Officers are scheduled to report before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a forthcoming meeting. (WILL BE DONE SOON). Lead Officer, Senior Environmental Health Officer, completion date, 26 November 2008.
09/07/08 2	Members agreed that Councillor Banks should propose the scrutiny topic she had suggested during the WPPA at a meeting of the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Banks was asked to report back before the Committee in the Autumn of 2008 if she feels that further action is required.	Lead Member, Councillor Banks. (A resolution to this item is subject to Councillor Banks' views about the response of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee).
09/07/08 3	Members agreed to postpone further consideration of a potential review of the Borough's fishing tackle heritage, proposed during the WPPA, until the Role of the Mayor and Housing Mutual Exchange reviews had been completed.	The proposer for the item, Councillor Hunt, was informed of this decision on 14/07/08. The Committee's Work Programme has also been adjusted accordingly. (TO BE DONE). Lead Officers, OSSOs, estimated completion date March 2009.
30/07/08 4	Members agreed to defer the launch of the Housing Mutual Exchange review.	The review is due to be launched by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 17 December 2008. (TO BE DONE). Lead Officers, OSSOs.

<p>10/09/08</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Members requested that the two templates used to present community safety performance data at ward level be provided for Member consideration alongside the quarterly performance reports.</p>	<p>The relevant Lead Officer has been informed of this request. TO BE DONE. (Lead Officer, Head of Strategy and Partnerships, estimated completion date, 26 November 2008).</p>
<p>24/09/08</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Members requested that Environmental Services Officers attend a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide an update oral report regarding fly tipping and the progress of the 'Worth It' campaign.</p>	<p>TO BE DONE. (Lead Officer, Waste Management Manager, estimated completion date not specified).</p>
<p>15/10/08</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Officers agreed to inform Members about future opportunities to attend Select Committees, including the training course offered to individual Members by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) on an annual basis.</p>	<p>Officers to inform Members about opportunities as and when they become available. TO BE DONE (OSSOs estimated completion date, Spring 2009)</p>
<p>15/10/08</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Members requested that relevant Officers from Worcestershire County Council be invited to attend the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee due to be held on 8 April to present a progress report on passenger transport in Redditch.</p>	<p>Relevant Officers have been invited to attend this meeting of the Committee and an item relating to this subject has been added to the Work Programme. DONE (OSSOs).</p>
<p>15/10/08</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Members were informed that the consideration of the recommendations of the Joint Flooding Group had been postponed. Members requested that all Councillors be invited to attend the rearranged meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny</p>	<p>Officers to liaise with Officers at Worcestershire County Council to rearrange for this report to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee. TO BE DONE (OSSOs, Lead Officers estimated completion date, Winter / Spring 2009).</p>

	Committee when the recommendations from the Joint Flooding Group are presented.	
15/10/08 10	Members requested that the Lead Officer for the Communications Task and Finish Group report be contacted in order to establish when the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group were due to be considered by the Executive Committee. OSSOs to reschedule monitoring of the recommendations in accordance with this date.	Officers to contact the Lead Officer for this Task and Finish Group and to amend the Work Programme accordingly. TO BE DONE (OSSOs estimated completion date, Winter 2008)
15/10/08 11	Members requested that an Overview and Scrutiny Training Day be scheduled for Spring 2009.	Officers to make arrangements for an Overview and Scrutiny Training Day in Spring 2009 (OSSOs, estimated completion date, Spring 2009)

Glossary

OSSO - Overview and Scrutiny Support Officer



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No Direct Ward Relevance

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12. WORK PROGRAMME

(Report of the Chief Executive)

Date of Meeting	Subject Matter	Officer(s) Responsible for report
ALL MEETINGS	REGULAR ITEMS	(CHIEF EXECUTIVE)
	Minutes of previous meeting Consideration of the Forward Plan Consideration of Executive Committee key decisions Call-ins (if any) Pre-scrutiny (if any) Consideration of Overview and Scrutiny Actions List Referrals from Council or Executive Committee, etc. (if any) Task & Finish Groups - feedback Committee Work Programme	Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive Chief Executive
	REGULAR ITEMS Quarterly Performance Report Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report Review of Service Plans 2009 / 12	Chief Executive Chief Executive Relevant Lead Heads of Service

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	<p>REGULAR ITEMS</p> <p>Oral updates on the progress of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Joint Scrutiny Exercise into Flooding 2. the Council Flat Communal Cleaning Task and Finish Group; and 3. the Third Sector Task and Finish Group. 	<p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p> <p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p> <p>Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service</p>
26 November 2008	<p>REGULAR ITEMS</p> <p>Quarterly Performance Report</p>	Relevant Lead Head of Service
26 November 2008	<p>REGULAR ITEMS</p> <p>Quarterly Budget Report</p>	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
25 February 2008	<p>REGULAR ITEMS</p> <p>Quarterly Performance Report</p>	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
25 February 2008	<p>REGULAR ITEMS</p> <p>Quarterly Budget Report</p>	Relevant Lead Heads of Service
29 April 2009	<p>REGULAR ITEMS</p> <p>Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2008/09</p>	Chief Executive

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OTHER ITEMS - DATE FIXED		
6 November 2008	Joint Scrutiny Exercise on Flooding – Report to Committee	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
6 November 2008	Role of the Mayor Task and Finish Group – Reporting Recommendations.	Relevant Lead Head of Service
6 November 2008	University of Birmingham – Oversight and Scrutiny Course	Chief Executive
26 November 2008	Proposed Business Centres Scrutiny Exercise – Discussion	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
26 November 2008	Joint Policy for Unauthorised Encampments of Gypsies and Travellers - Update	Relevant Lead Head of Service
26 November 2008	Civil Parking Enforcement – Update Report on Responses to Recommendations	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
26 November 2008	Proposed Equalities Scrutiny Exercise - submission of Scoping Document	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service

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26 November 2008	Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management – Annual Report	
17 December 2008	Housing Mutual Exchange – Scrutiny Launch	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
17 December 2008	Third Sector Task and Finish Group – Reporting Recommendations	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
14 January 2009	Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Tourism – Annual Report	
25 February 2009	Portfolio Holder for Community Safety – Annual Report	
25 February 2009	Review of ditches – discussion	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
25 February 2009	Fees and Charges Task and Finish Group – Update on Response to Recommendations – Charging Policy	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
18 March 2009	Fishing Tackle Heritage – Scoping Document	Relevant Lead Head of Service
18 March 2009	Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership and Partnership – Annual Report	
8 April 2009	Communications Task and Finish Group – Update on response to recommendations	Relevant Lead Head of Service
8 April 2009	Redditch Passenger Transport Area Review – Update report	Relevant Lead Head of Service

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8 July 2009	District Centres Task and Finish Group – Update Report on Response to Recommendations	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
2 September 2009	Fees and Charges Task and Finish Group – Update on Response to Recommendations – Planning Charges.	Relevant Lead Head(s) of Service
OTHER ITEMS – DATE NOT FIXED		
	Update on fly tipping and the ‘Worth It’ Campaign	Relevant Lead Head of Service
	Community Calls for Action – Discussion	Relevant Lead Head of Service

