

## **SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 16TH FEBRUARY 2010**

### **Report of the Acting Director of Programmes and Resources**

#### ITEM 5      SCRUTINY FEEDBACK

##### Purpose of Report

To consider matters arising from scrutiny committees and their work programmes in order to schedule the Scrutiny Programme.

##### Background

The purpose of this item is to enable the Commission to review any issues arising from scrutiny as part of its remit to co-ordinate the activities of the scrutiny committees. Details of any issues arising, together with the programme for each of the committees which have met, are attached:

1.      Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee – 20th January 2010  
(attached as Appendix 1);
2.      Investigation and Review Scrutiny Committee – 27th January 2010  
(attached as Appendix 2)

The current work programme of the Performance Scrutiny Committee is also attached as Appendix 3 for information. That Committee has not met since the Commission last considered the programmes and, therefore, this programme has not changed since that time.

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**COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME**

(Following meeting held on 20th January 2010)

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
<p>Community Safety Scrutiny – 6th Month Scrutiny</p> <p>A report of the Director of Partnerships and Customer Services, to include the new Community Safety Partnership Plan and information in respect of Beat 15, the Hastings and Peel Drive area, both data and details of any displacement of crime.</p> <p>Invite Cabinet Lead Member</p> <p>Invite Inspector Tim McCabe and a Beat 15 Beat Officer</p> <p>Invite a representative of Voluntary Action Charnwood</p> <p>Invite the Chair of the Community Association</p> <p>Invite the Chair of the Hastings Residents Association</p> <p>Invite the Head of Communities and Partnerships</p> <p>Invite the Manager of the Carpenters' Arms</p>	10th March 2010
<p>Equality and Diversity</p> <p>An update report of the Acting Director of Programmes and Resources to include the Equality Action Plan, following consideration of the matter at the Committee's meeting held on 14th October 2009.</p> <p>Invite Cabinet Lead Member</p>	10th March 2010
<p>Town Centre Master Plan</p> <p>A report of the Director of Loughborough Regeneration to provide updated information in respect of the Loughborough Eastern Gateway, Inner Relief Road and the Baxter Gate Development</p> <p>Invite Cabinet Lead Member</p>	May 2010

Items still to be programmed:

Communication and Consultations Team Service Review – to consider the Service Review prior to its submission to Cabinet on 18th February 2010. An additional meeting of the Committee be arranged, should the Chair and Vice-chair of the Scrutiny Commission, on behalf of the Scrutiny Commission, decide that this item be scrutinised by the Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

Sustainable Communities Act - to review the position again when the Secretary of State issues a further invitation for proposals to be submitted to the LGA or when the Amendment Bill becomes law, whichever is the sooner.

Great Central Railway – to monitor implementation of the recommendations of the Cabinet after an appropriate length of time. Response from Cabinet received 20th January 2010.

Regular items:

Community Safety – every six months – last considered 14th October 2009.

**INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME**

(following meeting on 27th January 2010)

“Task and Finish” Panels

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Loughborough University Entrances and Parking Policies Panel.	To examine parking arrangements and policies in various locations around the University.	<p>Terms of Reference agreed by the Panel at initial meeting on 12th October 2009.</p> <p>Final report submitted to Committee on 27th January 2010.</p> <p>Agreed report to be submitted to Cabinet on 18th February 2010.</p> <p>Feedback report to be submitted to Committee in May 2010.</p>
Public Conveniences.	<p>To examine current provision of facilities within the Borough.</p> <p>To examine the problems associated with individual facilities and potential actions for improvements, including budget implications.</p> <p>To consider alternative methods of provision.</p>	<p>Last meeting held on 15th January 2010.</p> <p>Final report submitted to Committee on 27th January 2010.</p> <p>Agreed report to be submitted to Cabinet on 18th February 2010.</p> <p>Feedback report to be submitted to Committee in May 2010.</p>
Future Panels		
Playing Fields and Sports Facilities in Charnwood.	To consider the provision and maintenance of playing fields and sports facilities, including changing facilities in Charnwood.	
Loughborough Market.	To consider potential improvements to current arrangements, a range of alternative markets and the	

	feasibility of holding markets in other locations in the Borough.	
Footpath Maintenance.	To consider the maintenance of footpaths in Charnwood.	
Adaptations for Disabled Persons Housing.	To consider the complexities of the processes involved with the grants procedure, including outside agencies.	Initial meeting held on 29th June 2009.  Issue to be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the District councils review.
Any issue which arises and requires timely consideration.		

### Committee

#### Monitoring the outcomes of Panel studies

Houses in Multiple Occupation.		Agreed report submitted to Cabinet on 15th January 2009.  Feedback report submitted to Committee on 27th May 2009.  Review of Actions agreed by Cabinet submitted to Committee on 27th January 2010.
Development Control Enforcement.	To examine current enforcement procedure, including numbers of complaints received, response times and the monitoring of targets.  To examine the criteria used to undertake investigations and the issues of consistency in the decision making process. To consider the working relationship between the enforcement team and the rest of Development Control and other services.	Agreed report submitted to Cabinet on 23rd April 2009.  Feedback report submitted to Committee on 23rd September 2009.  Review of Actions agreed by Cabinet to be submitted to Committee in May 2010.
Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing (CNH) and Charnwood Borough Council (CBC).	To investigate the lines of responsibility and accountability between Charnwood Borough Council and Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing.	Agreed report submitted to Cabinet on 6th August 2009.  Feedback report submitted to

	<p>To investigate performance monitoring arrangements and any sanctions process.</p> <p>To consider CBC's Internal Audit of Performance and Financial Monitoring (remedial plans).</p>	<p>Committee on 27th January 2010.</p> <p>Review of Actions agreed by Cabinet to be submitted to Committee in September 2010.</p>
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**Performance Scrutiny Committee Work Programme**  
(following meeting on 24th November 2009)

*Cabinet Lead Members should be invited where Chair/Vice-chair consider appropriate.*

<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>MEETING</b>
Performance Indicators	Quarterly. <i>23rd February 2010.</i> Directors (or appropriate substitutes) to attend in respect of Indicators reported as Red (significantly off target).
Human Resource Issues	Quarterly. <i>23rd February 2010.</i>
Rent Arrears - Update	<i>23rd February 2010.</i> Further position report following consideration on 24th November 2009. Director of Housing and Health and representative of Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing to attend.
Fly Tipping and Graffiti - Performance	<i>23rd February 2010.</i> Further position report following consideration on 24th November 2009. Director of Leisure and Environment to attend.
Capital Monitoring including Out-turn	Ongoing. <i>23rd February 2010.</i>
Revenue Monitoring (General Fund and HRA) including Out-turn	Ongoing. <i>23rd February 2010.</i>
Climate Change Strategy Action Plan – Performance	Annually. <i>23rd February 2010.</i>
Free of Charge Swimming for Under 16 and Over 60 Year Olds - Impact	Report of Director of Leisure and Environment following four months of scheme operating. <i>23rd February 2010.</i> (Will allow statistics for three quarters to be provided).
Equality Standard for Local Government – Progress Towards Achieving Level 3	<i>23rd February 2010.</i>
ICS Review – Position	<i>23rd February 2010.</i> Will only be considered if matter is not concluded by Cabinet in December 2009.
Treasury Management and Borrowing under Prudential Guidelines	Annual Report (2009/10 Outturn) <i>May 2010.</i> Mid Year Treasury Report <i>November 2010.</i>
Leisure and Culture Best Value Improvement Plan	<i>May 2010.</i>