

UPDATE ON WORK PROGRAM : COUNCIL EXCELLENCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
15/09/11

Reports to assist in monitoring the Committee's work programme

It was agreed by the Scrutiny Chairs Group in September 2008 to use the following reports to monitor the work programme for each Scrutiny Committee. The last item on each Scrutiny Committee agenda should be 'Review of the Committee Work Programme'.

Report 1 - Monitoring Report for Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

This report will list all items that have been selected by the Committee for inclusion on the work programme for the current year.

It will also include items, such as previous Panel Reviews, where recommendations have been made to Cabinet. It is important that the implementation of these recommendations is monitored. Otherwise there is no measure of the success of scrutiny.

For each item on the work programme, the report will give a description, an indication of how the item will be dealt with, a relative timescale for the work and brief comments on progress.

Report 2 - Suggestions for Additions to Work Programme

The Work Programme for the Committee should be reviewed at each meeting. This will enable members to ask for new Items to be added to the programme. This report will list any newly suggested items. Committee will then have the opportunity to agree (or not) for them to be added to the programme.

Report 3 - Proposed Outline Meeting Schedule for the Municipal Year

The report will, for each scheduled Committee meeting, list those items which are likely to be on the meeting agenda. This will give the opportunity for Committee members to take a greater lead in organising their work programme.

Report 4 - Progress Report on In-Depth Panel Reviews

This report will give a very brief update on progress / timescales for in-depth panel reviews which are in the 'ownership' of the Committee.

REPORT 1
MONITORING REPORT FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
COUNCIL EXCELLENCE : 2011 / 2012

Date of New item	Topic Description	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Complete Date	Comments on Progress	Complete?
08/07/10	Performance Monitoring (Quarterly updates on existing performance indicators – ‘Exceptions’ only will be reported).	Officer Reports (Emma Degg)		Quarterly Performance Monitoring Reports will be included on each agenda from September onwards.	Continuing
08/07/10	Strategic Change Programme: - Regular updates on proposed savings; - Monitor the effectiveness of the Change Programme;	Officer Reports (Dave Green)		A report on the progress of the Strategic Change Programme Board was provided for the Special meeting arranged for 28/10/10. A further report was produced for the meeting on 18/11/10 and again on 31/01/11. Committee, on 12/07/11, agreed that this item should be part of the work programme for the forthcoming municipal year. A further update has been requested for Committee on 15/09/11.	Continuing
08/07/10	Financial Reporting / Budget: - Monitoring the financial statements - How the authority performs against savings targets; - Review the impact on local residents where savings are made; - Impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review on the borough;	Officer Reports (Ian Coleman)		Financial / Budget Monitoring reports will be included on each meeting agenda.	Continuing

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08/07/10	<p>Office Accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EC Harris report was referred to the Council Excellence Committee by Cabinet (24 June 2010); - Need to understand the Cabinet timetable; - What are the implications for the Council's Data Centres?; - Future role for agile working 	<p>Officer reports plus site visits. (Bill Norman / Ian Brand)</p>		<p>Special meeting of the Committee arranged for 24th August 2010. Further reports provided at the meetings on 21/09/10 and 18/11/10. Another report produced for the meeting on 31/01/11; to focus particularly on agile working and working in local hubs. Further report produced for 16/03/11. Committee raised anxiety over progress and agreed that "update reports should be presented to future meetings of this Committee on a quarterly basis".</p> <p>Further report to Committee on 12/07/11. Committee also agreed that this item should be part of the work programme for the forthcoming municipal year. A subsequent report will be presented to Committee on 15/09/11.</p>	Continuing
21/09/10	<p>Employee Forums –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What issues do they cover? What are the participation levels? What is the cost of providing the Forums? 	<p>Officer report (Kevin Adderley)</p>		<p>Issue initially raised by a member at the Committee meeting on 21/09/10. Report produced for the meeting on 18th November 2010. An officer review of Staff Diversity Forums will take place. A further report will be produced for a future meeting.</p>	Outstanding
21/09/10	<p>Income from Golf Courses, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why is projected income not met on an annual basis? Is security of courses a determinant in loss of income? 	<p>Officer report (Jim Lester)</p>		<p>Issue initially raised by a member at the Committee meeting on 21/09/10. Report produced for meeting on 18/11/10. Report noted – await the outcome of the PACSPE process.</p>	Outstanding

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21/09/10	Reaching Excellent Level of the Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG)	Officer report (Kevin Adderley)		Progress report presented to meeting on 21/09/10. Further report, expected 16/03/11, requested in six months time. Report to include the reasons for low levels of Black and Ethnic Minority individuals accessing mainstream services. Subsequent report produced for meeting on 16/03/11. Agreed that a further report should be produced in relation to the Equality Implications of the recent Council Budget, to include information as to what analysis was undertaken and how officers took equality duties into account. Report presented to Committee on 12/07/11.	Outstanding
18/11/10	Early Voluntary Retirement / Voluntary Severance (EVR/VS) – Analysis and Restructuring	Officer report (Chris Hyams)		Issue initially raised by a member at the Committee meeting on 18/11/10. Report produced for the meeting on 16/03/11. A further update report will be produced at the end of the EVR process. Committee, on 12/07/11, agreed that this item should be part of the work programme for the forthcoming municipal year. Committee, on 12/07/11, also requested a further report on the “impact on employees of restructuring / redeployment, including the support in place for individuals”	Outstanding

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18/11/10	Proposed changes to Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit system - Impact of the Welfare Reform Bill	Officer report (Ian Coleman)		Report produced for the meeting on 31/01/11. Committee agreed that "the issue of welfare reform and changes to the benefits system announced recently, and its likely impact on local government staffing and finances requires detailed examination and should be the subject of a special study by this Committee". Committee, on 12/07/11, agreed that this item should be part of the work programme for the forthcoming municipal year.	
12/07/11	Back Office efficiencies and achievements	Officer Report (Ian Coleman)		Committee, on 12/07/11, agreed that this item should be part of the work programme for the forthcoming municipal year. A further report will presented to Committee on 15/09/11.	
12/07/11	Impact of Localism Bill	Officer Report (Emma Degg)		Committee, on 12/07/11, agreed that this item should be part of the work programme for the forthcoming municipal year. A report was requested closer to the time when the Act will be enacted (likely to be late 2011/ early 2012).	
12/07/11	Development of an Outcome-based Commissioning Framework	Officer Report (Ian Coleman)		Committee (12/07/11) agreed that a further report be presented on options for applying such a framework to major service reviews emerging from the consultation exercise.	

REPORT 2
SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO WORK PROGRAMME
COUNCIL EXCELLENCE : 15/09/11

Topic Description	Topic suggested by	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Completion Date

REPORT 3
PROPOSED OUTLINE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR
COUNCIL EXCELLENCE : 2011 / 2012

Meeting Date	Topic Description
12/07/11	Financial Monitoring Statement (Ian Coleman) Revenues Incomes and Benefits (Ian Coleman) Budget Projections 2012/2015 (Ian Coleman) Local Government Resource Review (Ian Coleman) Procurement Strategy (Ian Coleman) Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit Annual Report (Ian Coleman) Customer Services Annual Report (Ian Coleman) Development of an Outcome-based Commissioning Framework (Ian Coleman) Treasury Management Annual Report (Ian Coleman) Equality Implications of Council Budget (Jacqui Cross) Financial Out-turn 2010-11 (Ian Coleman) Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2011 / 2013 (Ian Coleman) Office Accommodation (Bill Norman) The People Strategy 2010-2013 (Chris Hyams) Q4 Performance Monitoring – Report concentrating on red / amber ‘exceptions’ plus a verbal update on the future (Emma Degg) Work Programme Update Forward Plan
15/09/11	Financial Monitoring Statement (Ian Coleman) Revenues Incomes and Benefits (Ian Coleman) Budget Projections 2012/2015 (Ian Coleman) Treasury Management (Ian Coleman) Back Office Efficiencies (Ian Coleman) Office Accommodation (Ian Brand) Q1 Performance Monitoring – Report concentrating on red / amber ‘exceptions’ plus a verbal update on the future (Emma Degg) Strategic Change Programme (Dave Green) Impact on employees of restructuring / redeployment, including the support in place for individuals (Chris Hyams) Forward Plan Work Programme Update

Meeting Date	Topic Description
17/11/11	
31/01/12	
26/03/12	

**REPORT 4
PROGRESS REPORT ON IN-DEPTH PANEL REVIEWS
COUNCIL EXCELLENCE : 15/09/11**

Title of Review	Members of Panel	Progress to Date	Date Due to report to Committee
None at present			