

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES**

**23 April 2014**

**FORTHCOMING REVIEWS FOR ALLOCATION TO IMPROVEMENT AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEES' WORK PROGRAMMES**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To present the Management Committee with details of proposed reviews which are to be allocated to the appropriate Improvement & Scrutiny Committees.

**2. Information**

The Chair of the Management Committee (Cllr Clive Moesby) has recently contacted all Council Members and Chief Officers to gather suggestions for Scrutiny review areas. A total of 36 potential reviews was suggested which cut across all four I & S Committees and all Cabinet Member portfolio responsibilities.

Cllr Moesby and the Improvement and Scrutiny Officers subsequently met with individual Cabinet Members to consider the potential of each suggested review – taking account of realistic outcomes and to ensure that duplication of work (between service departments and the scrutiny function) is avoided.

The appendix to this report details those review proposals which have now been selected for allocation to the relevant I & S Committees. If accepted, it will be for each I & S Committee to prioritise its own work programme, taking these reviews forward over the coming months.

In submitting suggestions for scrutiny reviews, Members and Officers were asked to indicate how they considered each review would contribute to the Council Plan. This information is shown for each review in the attached appendix.

Strategic Directors and Chief Officers have been informed of the proposed reviews which are now being considered in this report.

It should be noted that those review proposals which have not been included in the current list are retained for further consideration in the future as appropriate.

Additional reviews may also be added to I & S Committees' work programmes as they arise.

### **3. Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human rights, personnel, environmental, health, property and transport.

### **4. Key Decision – No**

### **5. Call-in**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? – No

### **6. Background Papers**

None

### **7. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Scrutiny Management Committee agrees the allocation of proposed scrutiny reviews (as set out in the appendix to this report) to be included in the appropriate work programmes of the four I & S Committees.

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**DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES**

## **APPENDIX**

### **Scrutiny Reviews to be agreed 2014/15: Health Improvement and Scrutiny Committee**

	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Cabinet Member portfolio area</b>	<b>Council Plan link</b>
1	How effectively does our Health and Well-Being Board operate? How do we compare with others?	Health and Communities	A Healthy Derbyshire – Healthier communities with reduced health inequality
2	Consideration of numerous service re-configurations by Health Service Commissioner/Providers. Eg, Sudden relocation of ward at Buxton hospital (respite care for dementia patients) to Bakewell. There is an increasing number of occasions where Health service provision is being re-configured, either permanently or temporarily. The Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Health commissioners and providers take such decisions following robust public engagement. This will involve the Committee in, often, complex and lengthy investigations.	Health and Communities	A Healthy Derbyshire – Healthier communities with reduced health inequality

**Scrutiny Reviews to be agreed 2014/15: People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee**

	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Cabinet Member portfolio area</b>	<b>Council Plan link</b>
1	How do other County Councils use their ring-fenced Public Health money? Can we learn from other Authorities in funding services with this money? Take an external view on what areas others Authorities have used Public Health money.	Health and Communities	A Healthy Derbyshire – Healthier communities with reduced health inequality
2	How prepared are our school leavers in readiness for joining an apprenticeship scheme? What are the educational attainments of children in care in Derbyshire and what is the Council doing to improve their outcomes and transition to adult life?	Children and Young People / Jobs, Economy and Transport  Council Services	A Derbyshire that works – a skilled and confident workforce. A Derbyshire that cares – Thriving children, young people and families
3	Adaptations for Elderly/Disabled people – how does the process in Derbyshire compare to other Authorities around the country? Can we streamline our own processes – with local Districts/Boroughs?	Adult Social Care	A Derbyshire that cares – Independent and supported older people
4	Monitoring the impact of changes to the thresholds which will affect people moving from High-Moderate to Substantial Category for Adult Care services. I & S People Committee would keep an overview of the process by which the Adult Social Care Department manages the process and how people can be supported alternatively.	Adult Social Care	A Derbyshire that cares – Independent and supported older people
5	Scrutinise the Assessment Process in Social Care and Health to review the opportunity to do joint assessments between professionals from DCC and partner service providers. Investigate the Sheffield Model, as well as others. Include the financial assessment process (assessing people's ability to pay for services)	Adult Social Care  Health and Communities	A Derbyshire that cares – Independent and supported older people  A Healthy Derbyshire – Healthier communities with reduced health inequality
6	How is the School Improvement Service supporting schools in Derbyshire? What is their impact on outcomes for children? What are the costs associated with the service and its impact on school take up?	Children and Young People /	A Derbyshire that cares – Thriving children, young people and families

**Scrutiny Reviews to be agreed 2014/15: Places Improvement and Scrutiny Committee**

	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Cabinet Member portfolio area</b>	<b>Council Plan link</b>
1	How do other County Councils use their ring-fenced Public Health money? Can we learn from other Authorities in funding services with this money? Look at Youth Service – funding specific projects with Public Health budget	Health and Communities	A Healthy Derbyshire – Healthier communities with reduced health inequality
2	Re-visit the review of Community Transport	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A Derbyshire that works – Well connected communities
3	Criteria change for pothole filling and rationalisation of vehicle used for highways inspection	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A Derbyshire that works – Well connected communities
4	Maximise the use of voluntary and community groups in supporting the Countryside Service	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A Derbyshire that works – well connected communities – a skilled and confident workforce A local Derbyshire – communities at the heart of decision making
5	Responding to Highways complaints – how is it done now? Possible improvements?	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A Derbyshire that works – well connected communities A local Derbyshire – communities at the heart of decision making
6	Potential for sponsorship (eg traffic island maintenance and support for small capital projects	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A Derbyshire that works – well connected communities A local Derbyshire – communities at the heart of decision making
7	Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership – added value of Police and Fire involvement.	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A safer Derbyshire – Resilient and safe communities

**Scrutiny Reviews to be agreed 2014/15: Resources Improvement and  
Scrutiny Committee**

	<b>Title/Subject</b>	<b>Cabinet Member portfolio area</b>	<b>Council Plan link</b>
1	An outward looking review at how current budget cuts of ALL public services are impacting on the people of Derbyshire. Could link in with Anti-Poverty review – sample the effects on “virtual” Derbyshire people/families and information gathering to help inform the Council's strategy.	Strategic Policy and Budget  Council Services	A Safer Derbyshire – People supported in hard times
2	Review of Credit Unions (how much DCC contributes/how effective are they?)	Strategic Policy and Budget	A Safer Derbyshire – People supported in hard times
3	Trusted Trader Scheme review – what is current extent of services and can this be extended? For example, Taxi Firms.	Health and Communities	A Safer Derbyshire – Resilient and safe communities