

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

3 SEPTEMBER 2014

FORTHCOMING SCRUTINY REVIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the proposed scrutiny reviews as allocated by the Scrutiny Management Committee.

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 were suggested which cut across all four Improvement and Scrutiny 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 been allocated to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration and prioritisation in the work programme.

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 included in the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee's work programme 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. Background Papers

None

5. RECOMMENDATION

That the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee consider the scrutiny reviews (as set out in the appendix to this report) as allocated by the Scrutiny Management Committee and add to the work programme as appropriate.

**COUNCILLOR DIANE CHARLES
CHAIR OF PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

APPENDIX

Scrutiny Reviews to be agreed in the work programme for 2014/15:

	Title/Subject	Cabinet Member portfolio area	Council Plan link	Status
1	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	
2	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	
3	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	Agreed to review on 14 May 2014
4	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	
5	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	