

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY - PLACES COMMITTEE**

21 May 2014

Report of the Director of Legal Services

WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the Improvement and Scrutiny – Places Committee's work programme for 2014/15.

2. Information

The Committee has recently completed an overview of services available to support victims of domestic violence and abuse (DV/A). This culminated in the completion of a survey of the Council's own employees to ascertain how the Authority can support its employees who are – or have been – victims of DV/A.

The outcomes of the survey will enable the appropriate Departments to develop improved support to any of our staff and their families. Progress on implementing these initiatives will be reported back to this Committee in due course.

The Committee also has a statutory responsibility to maintain an overview of flood prevention and flood management within Derbyshire. The County Council is the lead authority on flood risk and prevention and officers in the Economy, Transport and Environment Department are currently developing the county's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. This Committee will be involved in this work to help ensure that the Strategy is developed in accordance with local needs.

In addition to the work outlined above, the attached appendix sets out a number of review proposals which have been considered by the I & S Management Committee and allocated to this Committee to schedule into its work programme.

If agreed, the Committee will receive scoping reports for the review(s) it will undertake first.

It should be noted that the review on the best use of ring-fenced Public Health money will be done jointly with the I & S People Committee and will not

commence until September this year due to the current workload of that Committee.

3. Considerations

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

4. Officer's Recommendation

The Improvement and Scrutiny – Places Committee note the work programme for 2014/15.

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Appendix

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

	Title/Subject	Cabinet Member portfolio area	Council Plan link
1a	Criteria change for pothole filling and rationalisation of vehicle used for highways inspection (possible link with 1b)	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A Derbyshire that works – Well-connected communities
1b	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
2	How do other County Councils use their ring-fenced Public Health money? Can we learn from other Authorities in funding services with this money? Joint with I & S People Committee	Health and Communities	A Healthy Derbyshire – Healthier communities with reduced health inequality
3	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
4	Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership – added value of Police and Fire involvement.	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A safer Derbyshire – Resilient and safe communities
5	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
6	Re-visit the review of Community Transport	Jobs, Economy and Transport	A Derbyshire that works – Well-connected communities