

**SCRUTINY**

**COPORATE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14**

**The work programme for the Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2013/14 is shown on the following page/s. The programme is aimed at maintaining a strategic and co-ordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity.**

**The Scrutiny Support Officer has consulted with Councillors, Officers within the Council, and the public (through the Council's website).**

**Cabinet are asking Scrutiny to identify ways to improve the quality of local services and ensure value for money in the context of ongoing budget cuts.**

**The programme incorporates the routine and on-going work of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.**

## SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

Request	Requested by	Reason/Purpose	Comments
<b>Public Transport</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	Trains/Bus with regards to the timetables, routes, and making it accessible for all including both younger and older people	<p>Trains: There is already a East Lancs Railway East Lancashire Railway Trust Board of Management looking at railway links.</p> <p>Bus: Suggestion that a meeting be arranged with the Chairs of both Committees, Rossendale Transport, Cllr Hughes and Cllr Ashworth in relation to accessibility for young and older people.</p>
<b>Community/Patient Transport</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	To look at affordability and availability of public/community/patient transport with particular reference to the elderly and disabled.	<p>Further information to be gathered regarding Community Transport.</p> <p>In relation to Patient Transport, we could invite Lancashire Ambulance Service to a Partner Scrutiny Meeting in Sept to find out more about the service.</p>
<b>Have all footpaths been audited recently?</b>	<b>Member of the public</b>	Perhaps this is something that needs looking into. Are we getting our share of funding for this and are we promoting	A Task and Finish Group to be established.

		walking in Rossendale?	
<b>Lack of road maintenance</b>	<b>Member of the public</b>	Is Rossendale getting its fair share of funding from LCC. Need to look at what areas are in need of improvement	A Task and Finish Group to be established.
<b>Polling Districts and Stations to inform the Polling District Review.</b>	<b>Officer</b>	The Review will run 1 October to approx 1 December.	A 'light touch' review to be undertaken but also ask the Elections Manager for a meeting prior to the review commencing
<b>Dog Warden (already on the workplan)</b>	<b>Public</b>	Continuing concerns by public regarding stray dogs/dog fouling	Continue to monitor
<b>Rogue Landlords</b>	<b>Officer</b>	Working with Officers from numerous departments (HOT, EH, Benefits, Fraud)	Keep as a 'reserve' item. Time permitting
<b>Housing – multi occupancy</b>	<b>Officer</b>	Working with Officers from numerous departments (HOT, EH, Benefits)	Keep as a 'reserve' item. Time permitting
<b>Taxis</b>	<b>Members of the public</b>	Need to look at timescales – CRBs/taxi applications	Ask to review Licensing Policies at Corporate Scrutiny Meetings
<b>Fear of Crime within Rossendale</b>	<b>Anonymous</b>	Fear of Crime within Rossendale and need for quicker response times from Police – groups of youths gathering in streets	Monitor through Neighbourhood Forums/Annual meeting with the Police with a view to undertaking a piece of work if required
<b>Welfare Reforms</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	This piece of work has been carried over from last year when Phase 1 was undertaken and Phase 2 to begin shortly	Continuation of work from 2012/13

**TOPICS FOR THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES ( Council Policies will also be presented to each meeting as requested by Officers/or in the Forward Plan, but may be subject to change)**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Committee date/s</b>
<b>Quarterly Performance Reports</b>	Review on quarterly basis	Emma Hussain	June, Sept, Nov and March
<b>Haslingden Pool</b>	To receive an report	Helen Lockwood	June
<b>Refuse, Recycling and Street Cleansing Review Update</b>	To receive an update	Fiona Meechan	June
<b>Review of Grants</b>	To receive a report	Fiona Meechan	June
<b>Commercial Enforcement Strategy</b>	From the Forward Plan	Rebecca Lawlor	July
<b>Update on Glen Valley Abstinence House</b>	To receive a progress update since the opening of Glen Valley	Cathy Lord/Rebecca Lawlor	July
<b>RIPA Update</b>	Following guidance from the Home Office it was agreed to send regular updates to Committee ( If <b>nil</b> then just include in Chair's Update)	Legal Officer/Chair of Committee	July, November and March
<b>Local Land Charges</b>	It was agreed that this should be an annual update report	Janice Crawford	September
<b>Annual Equalities Report 2012/13</b>	To receive the Annual Report	Emma Hussain	September
<b>Ombudsman Annual Letter/Complaints</b>	Annual Review	Legal Officer/Committee & Member Services Manager	September
<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy</b>	To review the MTFs/Council Tax 2014/15	Phil Seddon	Feb 2014

