

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'B'

**Community Scrutiny Committee work programme 2009/10 and into 2010/11**

<b>meeting</b>	<b>date</b>	<b>topic</b>	<b>Contact officer/lead</b>	<b>Next Exec</b>
<i>Members invited to JOINT SCRUTINY meeting</i>	19 Jan 2010 CBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BUDGET: covering</b></li> <li>• Capital Programme</li> <li>• Treasury Management Statement and Annual Investment Strategy</li> <li>• Fees and Charges 2010/11</li> <li>• Service Estimates - Probable Outturn for 2009/10, Revenue Budget 2010/11</li> <li>• Consolidated Budget Report and 2010/11 – 2013/14 Medium Term Financial Strategy</li> </ul>		
3 in 09/10  <b>In B/S</b>	26 Jan 2010  Report deadline 13 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Health Engagement Panel</li> <li>• East Herts Empty Homes - strategy and action plan <b>moved from Oct</b></li> <li>• Leisure Contract – 1 year on</li> <li>• Play Strategy – review and progress against action plan</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to Nov 2009</li> <li>• Work programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of Panel</li> <li>• Jane O'Brien</li> <li>• Invite SLM</li> <li>• Will O'Neill</li> <li>• Lorna Georgiou/Karl</li> <li>• Marian Langley</li> </ul>	9 March 2010
<i>Members invited to JOINT SCRUTINY</i>	16 Feb 2010 CBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2010/11 Service Plans</li> <li>• 2009/10 Estimates and Future Targets</li> </ul>		
4 in 09/10  <b>In H</b>	27 April 2010  Report deadline 14 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Health Engagement Panel</li> <li>• East Herts Cultural Strategy – progress against action plan</li> <li>• East Herts Sustainable Community Strategy – progress against action plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of Panel</li> <li>• Will O'Neill/Mekhola Ray</li> <li>• Will O'Neill/Mekhola Ray</li> </ul>	15 June 2010  (just misses deadline for previous meeting)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Crime and Disorder' – scrutiny topic <b>to be confirmed</b></li> <li>• Service Plans Sept 09 – March 2010 monitoring (Community only)</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to Feb 2010</li> <li>• Work programme 2010/11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Simmonds &amp; Lizzie Clarke</li> <li>• Dave Cooper</li> <li>• Lorna Georgiou/Karl</li> <li>• Marian Langley</li> </ul>	
<b>meeting</b>	<b>date</b>	<b>topic</b>	<b>Contact officer/lead</b>	<b>Next Exec</b>
<b>NEXT</b>	<b>CIVIC YEAR</b>			
1 in 10/11  Suggestion is to run 'Select Committee' style session with EHCAS and both HAs responding to prepared set of questions.	27 July 2010  Report deadline 14 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Health Engagement Panel</li> <li>• 'Annual Reports' by Housing Associations</li> <li>• 'Annual Report' from CAB (EHCAS)</li> <li>• East Herts Homelessness and Homeless Prevention action plan – annual monitoring report</li> <li>• Community Safety: report on progress towards outcomes &amp; actions on the 3 year plan</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to May 2010</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of Panel</li> <li>• Presentation by RSLs</li> <li>• Presentation by CAB</li> <li>• Claire Bennett</li> <li>• Brian Simmonds and Lizzie Clarke</li> <li>• Lorna Georgiou/Karl</li> <li>• Marian Langley</li> </ul>	7 September 2010
2 in 10/11	26 Oct 2010  Report deadline 13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Health Engagement Panel</li> <li>• East Herts Housing Strategy 2008-2011 – annual monitoring of progress on action plan</li> <li>• Service Plans Apr 2010 – Sept 2010 monitoring (Community only)</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to Aug 2010</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of Panel</li> <li>• Claire Bennett</li> <li>• Ceri Pettit/Dave Cooper</li> <li>• Lorna Georgiou/Karl</li> <li>• Marian Langley</li> </ul>	tba

### The four principles of good public scrutiny: from Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)

- *provides ‘critical friend’ challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers*
- *enables the voice and concerns of the public and its communities*
- *is carried out by ‘independent-minded governors’ who lead and own the scrutiny role*
- *drives improvement in public services*

### Currently within East Herts Council, the criteria for selecting issues:

For the Scrutiny Committee to select an issue to review, it must meet all of the following criteria:

- Of local, and preferably current, concern
- Linked to the council’s corporate objectives
- Capable of being influenced by this committee
- Of manageable scope – focused rather than too wide ranging
- Of sufficient scope to warrant a scrutiny review – not something that can be easily fixed by meeting with the service provider
- Not being scrutinised elsewhere (eg another Scrutiny Committee)