

Community Scrutiny Committee work programme 2015/16 and 2016/17 (DRAFT)

2015/16 meeting	CIVIC YEAR date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
JOINT SCRUTINY	19 Jan 2016	BUDGET Report(s)		
JOINT SCRUTINY	09 Feb 2016	2016/17 Service Plans 2015/16 Performance Indicator Estimates and 2016/17 Future targets		
Meeting 4/4 in 2015/16	15 Mar 2016 Report deadline 2 Mar	Leisure Contract – year 7	Head of Service and lead officer + SLM	5 April 2016 7 June 2016 TBC
		Crime trends in rural East Herts (crime and disorder item for 2015/16)	Head of Service, lead officer and external partners	
		Outcome of the audit on Markets and resulting action plan	NEW REQUEST: TBC	
		Healthcheck through to Jan 2016	Lead Officer - Performance	
		Work programme – planning for 2016/17	Scrutiny Officer	

2016/17 meeting	CIVIC YEAR date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
Meeting 1/4 in 2016/17	28 June 2016 TBC	Work programme 2016/17 – discussion with new committee	Scrutiny Officer	5 July 2016 2 Aug 2016 6 Sept 2016 TBC
		Community Grants review of 2015/16 applications and allocation	Community Engagement Manager/Grants officer	
		FINAL report back from Leisure Strategy task and finish group TBC	T&F Chairman and Lead Officer	
		Service Plan monitoring – Oct 2015 to March 2016 (Community only)	Lead Officer – Corporate Planning	
		Healthcheck through to Mar 2016 (which includes relevant 2015/16 Out-turns and Targets)	Lead Officer - Performance	

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER B

Meeting 2/4 in 2016/17	27 Sept 2016 TBC	Hertford Theatre (end of financial year report)	Head of Service and Theatre team	4 Oct 2016 1 Nov 2016 TBC
		Housing stock transfer – residual undertakings annual statement	Housing Services Manager (Claire Bennett)	
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		Work programme	Scrutiny Officer	
Healthcheck through to xx 2016	Lead Officer - Performance			

The four principles of good public scrutiny:

- ***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

Community Scrutiny

1. To develop policy options and to review performance and scrutinise the policies of the Council relating to Licensing, Environmental Health, Crime and Disorder Reduction, Emergency Planning, Community Development, young people, Leisure, sport, arts, markets, diversity, grants, frontline Councillor engagement, valuing people, housing strategy, private sector housing, disabled facility grants, houses in multiple occupation, housing options, community meals, citizens’ advice, benefits, Local Strategic Partnership and health scrutiny.
2. To make recommendations to the Executive on matters within the remit of the Committee.
3. To take evidence from interested groups and individuals and make recommendations to the Executive and Council for policy change and review the performance of outside bodies on matters within the remit of the Committee.
4. To consider issues referred by the Executive, or members of the Committee and where the views of outsiders may contribute, take evidence and report to the Executive and Council on matters within the remit of the Committee.
5. To consider any item referred to the Committee by any Member of the Council who is not a member of this Committee and decide whether that item should be pursued on matters within the remit of the Committee.
6. To appoint annually Standing Panels as may be determined which shall be given a brief to consider a specified service area relating to matters within the remit of the Committee and report back to the Committee on a regular basis as determined by the Committee.