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Community Scrutiny Committee work programme 2010/11

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
THIS	CIVIC YEAR			
JOINT SCRUTINY	18 Jan 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011/12 Budget items 		
3 in 10/11	25 Jan 2011 Report deadline 12 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Health Engagement Panel • Leisure Contract – year 2 • Update on Hertford Theatre launch and overview of first ‘Panto’ season. • East Herts Housing Strategy 2008-2011 – annual monitoring of progress on action plan and ideas for new one • Healthcheck through to Nov 2010 • Work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Panel • Invite SLM • Will O’Neill with Rhys, Emma & Eoin • Claire Bennett • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	8 Feb 2011 8 March 2011
JOINT SCRUTINY	15 Feb 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011/12 Service Plans • 2010/11 Estimates and Future targets 		
4 in 10/11	29 Mar 2011 Report deadline 16 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Health Engagement Panel • Review of the LSP’s delivery of the local Sustainable Communities Strategy • Healthcheck through to Feb 2011 • Work programme 2011/12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Panel • Will O’Neil/Mekhola Ray (George Robertson) • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	5 April 2011 24 May 2011 5 July 2011

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NEXT	CIVIC YEAR			
1 in 11/12	26 July 2011 Report deadline 13 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Health Engagement Panel • 'Annual Reports' by Housing Associations and CAB (EHCAS) – <i>format/style to be agreed</i> • 'Crime and Disorder' – <i>topic to be agreed</i> • End of financial year annual report on Hertford Theatre • Healthcheck through to May 2011 • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Panel • Presentation by reps from RSLs and CAB (EHCAS) • Brian Simmonds, Lizzie Clarke & Police • Will O'Neill with Rhys, Emma & Eoin • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	9 Aug 2011 6 Sept 2011 11 Oct 2011

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)