

Community Scrutiny Committee work programme 2010/11 and into 2011/12

<b>SCRUTINY ACTIVITY – as agreed by Scrutiny Chairmen</b>		
<b>27 Jan 2011</b> Council Chamber	5:30 – 6:30	<b>Skills Development (1)</b> – Questioning for Scrutiny
	6:30 – 7:30	<b>Scrutiny Evaluation Workshop</b> and setting objectives for 2011/12
<b>3 Feb 2011</b> Council Chamber	5:30 – 6:30	<b>Skills Development (2)</b> – Assessing the quality of evidence
	6:30 – 7:30	<b>Scrutiny Topic Planning</b> 2011/12

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
<b>THIS</b>	<b>CIVIC YEAR</b>			
<b>JOINT SCRUTINY</b>	15 Feb 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2011/12 Service Plans</li> <li>• 2010/11 Estimates and Future targets</li> </ul>		
4 in 10/11	29 Mar 2011  Report deadline 16 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Health Engagement Panel</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to Feb 2011</li> <li>• Initial report and analysis on the Hertford Theatre launch</li> <li>• Review of the LSP's delivery of the local Sustainable Communities Strategy</li> <li>• Work programme 2011/12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of Panel</li> <li>• Lorna Georgiou/Karl</li> <li>• Will O'Neill with Rhys, Emma &amp; Eoin</li> <li>• Will O'Neil/Mekhola Ray (George Robertson)</li> <li>• Marian Langley</li> </ul>	5 April 2011 24 May 2011 5 July 2011

**ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER B**

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<b>NEXT</b>	<b>CIVIC YEAR</b>			
1 in 11/12	26 July 2011  Report deadline 13 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Health Engagement Panel</li> <li>• 'Annual Reports' by Housing Associations and CAB (EHCAS) – <i>format/style to be agreed</i></li> <li>• 'Crime and Disorder' – <i>topic to be agreed</i></li> <li>• Healthcheck through to May 2011</li> <li>• End of financial year annual report on Hertford Theatre</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of Panel</li> <li>• Presentation by reps from RSLs and CAB (EHCAS)</li> <li>• Brian Simmonds, Lizzie Clarke &amp; Police</li> <li>• Lorna Georgiou/Karl</li> <li>• Will O'Neill with Rhys, Emma &amp; Eoin</li> <li>• Marian Langley</li> </ul>	9 Aug 2011 6 Sept 2011 11 Oct 2011
2 in 11/12	25 Oct 2011  Report deadline 12 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from Health Engagement Panel</li> <li>• Healthcheck through to Aug 2011</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>• Equality Scheme – update (<i>prov</i>)</li> <li>• Service Plans Apr 2011 – Sept 2011 monitoring (Community only)</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of Panel</li> <li>• Lorna Georgiou/Karl</li> <li>• Claire Bennett</li> <li>• Brian Simmonds/Lizzie Clarke</li> <li>• Mekhola Ray/Marianne</li> <li>• Ceri Pettit/Dave Cooper</li> <li>• Marian Langley</li> </ul>	8 Nov 2011 6 Dec 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)