

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER B

Community Scrutiny Committee work programme 2011/12

Meeting dates for 2011/12 provisional – still to be confirmed on new civic year calendar

The full 2012/13 Integrated Service Plan and Budget timetable is not due to be set until April/May. Some changes &/or additions may have to be made to the work programme below to meet certain deadlines or actions.

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
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 • The opening of Hertford Theatre and end of year financial report • Service Plan monitoring Oct 2010 – March 2011 • 2010/11 Out-turns and 2011/12 Targets • Healthcheck through to May 2011 • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Panel • Will O'Neill with Rhys, Emma & Eoin • Ceri Pettit/Dave Cooper • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	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"> • Report from Health Engagement Panel • East Herts Homelessness and Homeless Prevention action plan – annual monitoring report • Community Safety: report on progress towards outcomes & actions on the 3 year plan • Equality Scheme – update • Healthcheck through to Aug 2011 • Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Panel • Claire Bennett • Brian Simmonds/Lizzie Clarke • Mekhola Ray/Marianne • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	8 Nov 2011 6 Dec 2011

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<i>Budget consultation</i>	<i>During Nov 2011</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Proposed Service Options 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	<i>XX Jan 2012</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Budget items 		
3 in 11/12	XX Jan 2012 Report deadline XX Jan 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Health Engagement Panel • Leisure Contract – year 3 • East Herts Housing Strategy 2011 – 2014 annual monitoring of progress on action plan • Service plan monitoring Apr 2011 – Sept 2011 (Community only) • Healthcheck through to Nov 2011 • Work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Panel • Invite SLM • Claire Bennett • Ceri Pettit/Dave Cooper • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	tba
JOINT SCRUTINY	<i>XX Feb 2012</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Service Plans • 2011/12 Estimates and 2012/13 Future targets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
4 in 11/12	XX Mar 2012 Report deadline XX March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Health Engagement Panel • East Herts Sustainable Communities Strategy – (specific strand for scrutiny to be confirmed) • Healthcheck through to Feb 2012 • Work programme 2012/13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Panel • Will O’Neil/Mekhola Ray (George Robertson) • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	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)