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Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2013/14 and into 2014/15

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
2013/14	Civic Year			
6 in 13/14 JOINT	14 January 2014	 BUDGET Capital Programme Fees and Charges Revenue Budget Medium Term Financial Plan 		4 February 2014
7 in 13/14 JOINT	11 February 2014	 Residents' Survey – analysis and action plan 2014/15 Service Plans 2013/14 Estimates and 2014/15 Future targets 		4 March 2014
8 in 13/14	18 March 2014	 Update on Communications action plan – focus on data re on-line communications WebSite one-year action plan - lessons learned and closure report Healthcheck through to Jan 2014 Work programme – planning for 2014/15 	 Head of Service Head of Service Lead Officer – Performance Scrutiny Officer 	8 April 2014 6 May 2014

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2014/15				
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1 in 14/15	20 May 2014	Work Programme 2014/15Data protection one-year	Scrutiny OfficerHead of Service	3 June 2014 1 July 2014
	Date to be	action plan – progress and	Tread of Service	1 64.9 2511
	confirmed	 2013/14 Performance Indicator Outturns (inc Healthcheck) 	Lead Officer - Performance	
		Service Plan Oct 2013 – March 2014 monitoring	Lead Officer - Performance Lead Officer	
		 East Herts Improvement Plan monitoring report (final) 	 Lead Officer – Corporate Planning 	

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

Scrutiny

- Corporate 1. To develop policy options and to review and scrutinise the policies of the Council relating to Business | Communications, Corporate Performance and Risk Management, Local Strategic Partnership, Customer Service, Finance, Information and Communications Technology, Democratic Services, Member Support, Facilities Management, Asset Management, Legal, Revenues and Procurement.
 - 2. To consider the budget setting proposals and strategies of the Council.
 - 3. To make recommendations to the Executive on matters within the remit of the Committee.
 - 4. To take evidence from interested groups and individuals and make recommendations to the Executive and Council for policy change on matters within the remit of the Committee.
 - 5. To consider issues referred by the Executive, including modifications to the Constitution, 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.
 - 6. 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.
 - 7. 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.
 - 8. To consider, should it choose to do so, any item within the remit of the Committee to be

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considered by the Executive (except items of urgent business). The relevant report to the Executive shall consider any report and recommendations on the item submitted by the Scrutiny Committee.