

Community Scrutiny Committee work programme 2011/12

meeting	date	topic	Contact officer/lead	Next Exec
NEXT	CIVIC YEAR	Still to be scheduled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspects of Community Safety review Implications of Localism Bill 		
2 in 11/12 date of this meeting was moved from 25 Oct	20 Sept 2011 Report deadline 7 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from Health Engagement Panel MTFP items chosen last meeting for more detailed discussion East Herts Homelessness and Homeless Prevention action plan – annual monitoring report Community Safety: report on progress towards outcomes & actions on the 3 year plan Healthcheck through to June 2011 Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman of Panel Alan Madin Claire Bennett Brian Simmonds/Lizzie Robertson Lorna Georgiou/Karl Chui Marian Langley 	11 Oct 2011 08 Nov 2011
Member consultation	on-line during NOV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2012/13 Proposed Service Options 		
3 in 11/12	22 Nov 2011 Report deadline 9 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from Health Engagement Panel (holding space for Community Safety review/task & finish group) Equality Scheme – update Service Plan monitoring Apr 2011 – Sept 2011 (Community only) Healthcheck through to Sept 2011 Work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman of Panel Will O'Neill/Mekhola Ray Lois Prior/Dave Cooper Lorna Georgiou/Karl Chui Marian Langley 	06 Dec 2011 10 Jan 2012 07 Feb 2012
JOINT SCRUTINY	17 Jan 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2012/13 Budget items Residents' Survey - results 		
JOINT SCRUTINY	14 Feb 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2012/13 Service Plans 2011/12 Estimates and Future targets 		
4 in 11/12	28 Feb 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from Health Engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman of Panel 	06 Mar 2012

Essential Reference Paper B

	<p>Report deadline 15 Feb</p>	<p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Contract – year 3 • East Herts Housing Strategy 2011 – 2014 annual monitoring of progress on action plan • East Herts Sustainable Communities Strategy – <i>the specific strand for scrutiny to be confirmed</i> • Healthcheck through to Dec 2012 • Work programme 2012/13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite SLM • Claire Bennett • Will O'Neil/Mekhola Ray (George Robertson) • Lorna Georgiou/Karl • Marian Langley 	<p>22 May 2012</p>

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*

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)

At the last scrutiny evaluation there was a feeling, in the light of the current economic climate and limited resources, that there should also be some consideration given to

- areas where significant costs might be incurred or could be saved
- minimising the level of risk associated with the topic/issue
- the length of time since the topic was last reviewed.