



To: Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

Date: 14 April 2014

Subject: Review of 2013/14 Scrutiny Activity

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To review the work of the Scrutiny Board carried out during the course of the 2013/14 municipal year and identify any priorities or issues for consideration when planning next year's scrutiny work programme.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to review the activities and issues covered by the Board during the year and make any comments or recommendations for consideration as part of work programming and planning for the 2014/15 municipal year.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 During the year, the Board has met 7 times and considered the items set out in the work programme, included at item 7 on this meeting's agenda.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Member and portfolio responsibilities covered by the Board are set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 To help with the review, it is suggested that the Board include consideration of the following questions:
- 3.3.1 Recognising that the Board cannot cover everything, the work programme was used to prioritise issues for consideration. There are some issues on the work programme that were not covered during the year and some areas of Cabinet Member portfolios that were not addressed. The national and local policy landscape is also constantly changing.
Are there any issues that should be given priority for next year?
- 3.3.2 During the year, Scrutiny Boards have carried out their business through a range of activities including traditional board meetings, task and finish groups and visits. Boards have gathered evidence from and engaged with Cabinet Members, council officers, partner organisations from the public, private and third sectors and members of the public.
What has worked most effectively and what should be taken into account when planning arrangements for next year?

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Cabinet Member	Portfolio Responsibility
Strategic Finance and Resources	Service Transformation
	Value for Money
	Strategic Finance including Budget Setting
	Medium Term Financial Strategy
	Operational Finance incl Revenues and Benefits
	Corporate Service Performance, Policy and Quality
	e-Government
	Information Technology and Customer Services
	External Resources
	Procurement
	Human Resources
	Key Staff Recruitment and Retention
	Single Status
	Health and Safety