

Briefing note

Date: 1st April 2015

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Subject: Review of 2014/15 Scrutiny Activity

1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 To review the work of the Scrutiny Board carried out during the course of the 2014/15 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 2015/16 municipal year.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 During the year, the Board has met 8 times and considered the items set out in the work programme, included at item 9 on this meeting's agenda.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Members 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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Appendix 1

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Cabinet Member	Portfolio Responsibility
Policy and Leadership	Corporate Plan
	Scrutiny
	External relations / public relations
	Image and reputation
	Partnership companies
	Liaison with Management Board
	Emergency Planning
	Regional Matters
	Risk Management
	Local Enterprise Partnership
Policing and Equalities	Community Safety
	Community Cohesion
	Refugees and Asylum Seekers
	Welfare Advice Services
	Public Protection and Licensing
	Democratic Services (incl. Lord Mayor's)
	Equalities
	Legal Services
	Training (Members)
	Neighbourhood Services
	Constitutional Matters + Political Management
	Delivering A Programme for Action
	Deputising on Leader items
	Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation
	Local Policing