



To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 20th December 2017

Subject: Suggestions for Scrutiny

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Members of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee of suggested topics from members of the public.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the suggestions from members of the public and whether to add them to the appropriate scrutiny work programme.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Members of the public are able to suggest topics for scrutiny, via an on-line form on the Council website that members of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee could consider adding to the work programme. The guidance explains that while there are no hard and fast rules about what makes a good topic for Scrutiny to investigate, only issues that Coventry residents are concerned about will be considered, and particularly if the issue affects the whole city. It explains that local issues may be better discussed with ward councillors and that other processes are in place to deal with complaints about services.
- 3.2 In considering whether an issue should be included in the scrutiny work programme, factors for Members could include: whether the topic is appropriate for scrutiny to consider or whether it is better dealt with in another way; how important the issue is in comparison to other priorities on the scrutiny work programme; whether the issue relates to something already on the work programme and could be incorporated in this; at what point in the year the issue would be best considered; and which scrutiny board is best placed to consider the issue.
- 3.3 Since the last meeting of the Committee, the following suggestion has been submitted:
- I would like the process of adults being assessed and diagnosed for autism to be clearer and more promoted. It's quite clear for children but a minefield for adults.*
- 3.4 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) are considering Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services on 31st January 2018. It is suggested that the Board ask for a pathway for the assessment and diagnosis of autism to be provided to that meeting which will enable Members to decide whether it is an item on which they would like to carry out further scrutiny.