

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN



Committee Name:	Finance, Resources and Partnership Scrutiny Committee
Chair:	Cllr Paul Waring
Vice-Chair:	Cllr Rob Wallace
Portfolio Holder(s) Covering the Committee's Remit:	Cllr Mike Stubbs – Communications, Policy and Partnerships Cllr Elizabeth Shenton – Finance and Resources Cllr Terry Turner – Economic Regeneration, Business & Town Centres
Work Plan Correct As At:	5 June 2014

Date of Meeting	Item	Reason for Undertaking
17 June 2014 (agenda dispatch Friday 6 June)	Finance and Performance Management Report to end of quarter 4 (March) 2014. Plus Appendices	Regular reports continue to be received
	Parish and Town Councils Review of Concurrent Funding	Request from Cabinet that Scrutiny undertake a review in order to report back to Cabinet in time for implementation of a revised scheme for 2015/2016
	Council Plan (to be submitted to July Cabinet)	To receive an update on the draft Council Plan by Members to the Head of Business Improvement, Central Services and Partnerships
	Constitutional Review Working Group Future Work Plans	
	Finance, Resources & Partnership Scrutiny Committee Work Plan	

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1 September 2014 (agenda dispatch 22 August 2014)	Portfolio Holder Question Time	Opportunity for the Committee to question the Portfolio Holders on their priorities and work objectives for the next six months and to address any issues or concerns that they may be facing
	Budget Preparation/Consultation	
	Quarter 1 Financial & Performance	
	Capital Strategy 2015	
5 November 2014 (agenda dispatch 24 October 2014)	Medium Term Financial Strategy	The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources to ascertain whether the Medium Term Financial Strategy can be received by the Committee prior to Cabinet in the future and provide a formal explanation as to why the Strategy was received by Cabinet before the Scrutiny Committee
4 December 2014 (agenda dispatch 21 November 2014)	Budget Consultation	Updated to be given by the Head of Communications on the outcomes of the consultation process
	Treasury Management Strategy	
	Savings Plans 2015/2016 – First Draft	
21 January 2015 (agenda dispatch 9 January 2015)	Scale of Fees and Charges	Received annually by the Committee as part of the budget setting process
	Scrutiny Café – date for information, there will be no agenda published	
16 March 2015 (agenda dispatch 6 March 2015)	Annual Review of the Scrutiny Committee’s work	To Consider proposed amendments to the Constitution, prior to the proposed amendments being considered by Full Council

Task and Finish Groups:	Review of the Constitution Working Group – action to look at scrutiny committee remits
Future Task and Finish Groups:	
Suggestions for Potential Future Items:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernisation of the Post Office Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Officers meet with Staffordshire County Council to consider a three way working approach with the Post Office. That the Scrutiny Committee receives a further report in the future when more information is available.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Mail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed at a meeting held on 02.09.13 that the Committee would look at the Council's mail arrangements when the contract came up again for renewal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Consultation and Budget Review Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously approved by Full Council on the 22 February 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryecroft 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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Finance, Resources and Partnership Scrutiny Committee is responsible for:

- Communications and consultation
- Council structure and democracy and constitutional review
- Customer contact and customer service centres
- Member development and support
- Neighbourhood and locality working
- Partnerships: Newcastle Partnership Strategic Board
- Performance management and monitoring
- Revenues and benefits
- Putting people first

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- Risk champion
- Transformation programme
- Accountancy
- Budget
- Capital and revenue expenditure
- Efficiency savings
- Financial monitoring
- Health and safety champion
- Human Resources
- Information and communication technology
- Procurement champion
- Treasury management
- Workforce development

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