

**Report to the Overview and Scrutiny  
Co-ordinating Committee**

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**Update on the Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups**



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**Introduction**

To inform the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of the status of the current scrutiny task and finish groups. Below is a summary of the current task and finish groups.

***Allotments Review Task and Finish Group***

The Allotments Review Task and Finish Group have met on three occasions since the last Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee meeting, and also undertook a consultation exercise on 24 September 2013 where the group met with representatives from Parish Council allotments, allotments associations and the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. The last meeting of the task and finish group will take place on 13 December 2013.

***Community Centre Review Task and Finish Group***

The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee will receive the Community Centre Review Task and Finish Group recommendations at the 18 December meeting, prior to Cabinet receiving them on 15 January.

***Constitution Working Group***

The Constitution Working Group met last on the 20 November 2013. The next meeting will take place on the 19 December 2013 where a draft of the report intended to be taken the Transformation and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be considered by Members. A report will be received by Full Council

in February. The group intend to make a number of recommendations with regards to Scrutiny and other governance matters.

### ***HS2 Working Group***

The working group's recommendations were considered firstly by the Economic Development and Enterprise OSC on 4 November 2013 with the committee recommending that the report and recommendations from the HS2 Working Group be endorsed and be presented to Council on the 27 November 2013. Full Council considered the report and recommendations on 27 November where they were unanimously approved. The working group will meet as and when required as developments occur with HS2.

### ***Magistrates Court Move Working Group***

The last meeting of the Magistrates Court Move Working Group took place on 21 October 2013 where the working group agreed to disband subject to the approval of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities OSC as the parent committee. Cleaner, Greener and Safer Communities OSC received a verbal update regarding the status of the Magistrates Court Move Working Group on 4 December 2013. It was agreed that the working group could conclude with the parent committee to receive any necessary updates and for the working group to be recommenced if it was considered necessary in the future.

### ***Town Centre Car Parking Task and Finish Group***

The Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (EDEOSC) were tasked by Cabinet to undertake a review of town centre car parking and a task and finish group was established by EDEOSC. The task and finish group members consisted of Cllrs Baker, Studd and Peers, the Town Centre Manager and the Roebuck Centre Manager. The recommendations of the EDEOSC were as follows: 1. That cashless parking be introduced. 2. Whilst Members support the introduction of a Pay on Foot system, they acknowledged the significant capital cost required and therefore recommend the scheme be implemented should capital funding become available. 3. That free parking should be introduced after 2.00pm on Thursdays in the Midway Car Park. The working group's recommendations were considered by Cabinet at its 17 July meeting where it was resolved that double-ticketing, cashless parking and more free parking days (for the Town Centre Partnership to determine themselves) be implemented on a six month trial basis, with officers to report back to Cabinet with an evaluation as soon as practically possible after the trial ends. It is intended that the task and finish group will meet at the end of the trial period, prior to the report to Cabinet being considered, in Spring 2014.