

ACTIVE AND COHESIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Title	Method of Scrutiny	Progress to Date/Actions from last Meeting
Review of Grants and the Third Sector Commissioning Framework	Full Committee	<p>Agreed on 14.06.2012 that Cabinet be informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee were positive with regards to the recommendations. • Needs of Borough residents be given top priority with regards tendering exercise. • Further reports be brought back to the Committee once bidding process complete. <p>Cabinet agreed in principle, it was confirmed that A & C would be consulted further before any final decision was made. Committee to revisit later in year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern raised at meeting on 06.09.2012 re funding CAB has for NC and in particular funding for Coalfield Alliance mining wards. An assurance was wanted that money from coalfield regeneration would go to these areas and not into a collective pot at SCC.
Bateswood Consultation Process	<p>Working Group to look at consultation results: Cllr Cairns, Cllr J. Cooper, Cllr Wilkes, Cllr G. Williams, Cllr Thomas Lawton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Visit on 11th May. • WG met on 23rd May to review consultation results & discuss site visits. • Meeting with interested parties on 27th June 2012. • Working group's recs considered at 06/09 meeting, committee agreed to adopt and for the recs to be put forward for Cabinet to consider.
Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Currently being looked at by Health Scrutiny Committee.	Coordinating resolved strategy should remain with Health Scrutiny. Small WG @ SCC incl. Cllr Eastwood. Special meeting @ SCC to discuss.
Leisure Trust Options	Tbc	Outline business case being established, hopefully ready by mid-Sept. Models being investigated. May be an additional meeting to consider this - possibly Oct.
Allotments Service	Tbc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to Cabinet 30th November 2011 – Agreed that a review should be carried out. It is hoped to come to scrutiny before the end of the year. • Officers were asked to produce a progress report to keep Members up to date.
Community Centres Review	Working Group to be set up by Coordinating Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet request for Coord to set up WG to shadow officer WG. • Additional meeting of Coord on 11th Sept - timetable and consultation process were outlined. Report to Cabinet on 19.09.2012 also considered. Coord agreed to set up WG which will not exclusively consist of Coord members. Each Group invited to nominate members.
Kidsgrove Sports Centre	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guarantee to be requested that regular inspections will be carried out in future. • Expected to be handed back from SCC mid-Sept. Majority of works completed but have found other problems. Pumps & filters need to be serviced as not used for 1 yr. Expected to open end Sept/Oct time. • More unexpected closures can't be ruled out due to the condition of the building.

		No funding for comprehensive refurb – instead try and break down into component parts & seek funding.
Local Sporting Opportunities and Achievements		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was discussed as a possible scrutiny topic. It was agreed that a scrutiny brief would be prepared for the next committee meeting.
MEMBERS SUGGESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY TOPICS		
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CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Alcohol Strategy	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor Smith to update Committee at each meeting. Regular updates to be received for the revised action plan for the Alcohol Strategy. Trevor Smith provided presentation on National Alcohol Strat & how affects issues locally. Also update required on Cheshire East alcohol pricing work.
Waste & Recycling Strategy	tbc	To come to Committee at a future date – review due to start in Autumn.
Development of a Safer & Stronger Communities Strategy for NUL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update report considered by Committee following close of consultation on 10.08.12. Should be signed off by end Sept.
Policing in Kidsgrove & Rural Areas	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional meeting 30.07.2012. Chief Insp. Hulme attended. Opportunity for questions/suggestions from Members. Following 30th July Meeting, Police to attend future meeting to update Committee after the move into Kidsgrove Town Hall.
The Move of Fenton Magistrates Courts to Newcastle Magistrates Courts	tbc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives from partners invited to attend 5th September meeting to consider the move of the Magistrates Courts. Court rep was unable to attend – officer partner working group to be set up to monitor the move. It was agreed to have regular updates.
Warm Zone Delivery of Green Deal	tbc	Committee supported Warm Zone continuing as it is – had been a resounding success.

Newcastle Partnerships Structure		Update provided at meeting on 05.09.2012.
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Title	Method of Scrutiny	Progress to Date/Actions from last Meeting
Economic Development Strategy	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and 1st year action plan agreed by Cabinet on 23.05.2012. • Feedback & progress on action plan possibly end Q4 or Q1 2013/14
The S-O-T & Staffs LEP	Working Group: Cllr Matthews, Cllr Peers Cllr Studd	Receiving summary paper. Will meet as/when required.
Broadband Provision	County Council Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanette Hilton to attend working group and feedback to Committee. • A re-scoping of this issue is required. The working group need to define what needs to be scrutinised and where they would like to go with it.
High Speed 2 Limited	Working Group: Cllr Becket Cllr Loades Cllr Cairns	<p>On 04.07.2012 WG resolved to recommend: 1) to continue stance to object, but should it take place then a local station should be provided 2) EDE (through WG) to continue to scrutinise & meet when consultation stage begins 3) highlight to Cabinet consultation due to begin in Autumn.</p> <p>On 18.07.2012 Cabinet resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify Council's stance to offer support for principle of HS2 as long as potential economic benefits for North Staffs can be demonstrated to outweigh environmental consequences & whether such benefits would be derived from a local station to serve the area. • EDE scrutiny committee to continue to monitor. <p>Update to be provided at 17th September meeting.</p>
Proposal to jointly commission a viability assessment for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) with S-O-T C.C.	Full Committee	This should be received at the December meeting.

Staffordshire Strategic Assets Review	Full Committee	Report discussed at 21.06.2012 meeting. To be considered at Sept Cabinet.
Asset Management Strategy	Full Committee	Next update to Committee expected December 2012.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre Partnerships Development • Town Centre Initiatives for Vacant Shops 	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update report to be provided on the 2nd round Portas Pilot bid that was submitted on 30th June. • Chair & vice-Chair meeting with officers to discuss town centre initiatives for vacant shops on 6th Sept. A briefing note will be provided at the Sept meeting to update the Committee
Former St Giles and St Georges	To be decided, possible working party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional meeting 28.06.2012. • Recs for Cabinet – Committee would support further investigation of a combination of options 'A' & 'C', option 'B' should be discounted completely • Request to come back to scrutiny for a more in depth analysis.
Knutton Recreation Centre	To be decided, possible working party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional meeting 28.07.2012. • Recommendations to be passed to Cabinet at Sept meeting. • Will be brought back to the Committee if necessary. •
Empty Homes Strategy	tbc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from Jo Basnett to be included on agenda for 17th Sept. • Report provided for consideration.
Town Centre Car Parking	tbc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader request to investigate town centre car parking & potential options that may exist to improve current car parking arrangements. • Scrutiny brief for 17th September meeting.
Home Improvement Agency Services	tbc	Report/scrutiny brief to Committee – expected for December meeting. Service currently provided by Revival, options to be reviewed including a county wide service or NBC standing alone to provide the service.

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TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Title	Method of Scrutiny	Progress to Date/Actions from last Meeting
Revenue and Capital Budget	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to be provided at Sept meeting - timetable and process of budget scrutiny to be explained – Committee happy with the budget setting process timetable Finance & budget training session arranged for 13th Sept 2012. Additional dates added: Thurs 20.09.2012, 7-9pm & Mon 24.09.2012, 11am-1pm
Capital Strategy	Full Committee	Scrutiny Brief to be provided at the earliest possible date.
Treasury Management Strategy	Full Committee	Scrutiny Brief to be provided at the earliest possible date – expected at November meeting.
Scale of Fees and Charges	Full Committee	Scrutiny Brief to be provided at the earliest possible date – expected in January.
Financial and Performance Management Report	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor & scrutinise performance alongside finances & that quarterly reports are provided to Committee. The Budget Performance Monitoring Report for 2012/13 First Quarter received by Committee 03.09.2012.
Flexible Working for NBC Employees	Full Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee to receive regular updates. Update provided at September meeting - next update expected March 2013
Review of the Constitution	Working Group: Cllr Shenton, Cllr Holland Cllr Cairns, Cllr Snell 3 independent members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain as living doc to be kept under review - still areas to review. Request that doc be put on website as PDF with search facilities. Next meeting of WG – 25th September 2012
Civic Hubs/One Stop Shops Kidsgrove Customer Service Centre	tbc	Update report received 03.09.2012. Queries raised passed to J. Hilton: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That clarification be sought of how long the Police were committed to Kidsgrove for. Is there a breakout clause contained in the lease? There was concern that the services offered were superficial e.g. CAB simply making appointments to see advisers in Newcastle. Staff at the One Stop Shop would benefit from training giving them a basic local knowledge of Kidsgrove. Members also requested that Member concerns regarding the unmanned exhibition for the Site Allocations consultation be fed back to the appropriate officers and that the time frame for the Police moving into Kidsgrove Town Hall be ascertained.
Jubilee 2	Full Committee	Updates requested for each meeting regarding income over target – to be included in Finance and Performance Management Report.

Procurement of the Reporter		Committee considered report prior to Cabinet on 03.09.2012. Feedback from the committee for Cabinet and officers to consider updating the format/design and to make The Reporter available in other media forms.
Modernisation of the Post Office Network	Tbc	To consider the modernisation of the Post Office network and the possibility of partnership working.
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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Title	Method of Scrutiny	Progress to Date/Actions from last Meeting
Consultation on Mental Health Services	Full Committee	That consideration of this matter be deferred to a special meeting of the committee to be convened in consultation with the Chairman and that in the meantime a copy of the consultation document be forwarded to all members of the committee.
Fit For the Future and move of the Accident and Emergency Centre	Full Committee	That UHNS be congratulated on the improvement in the figures for unexpected deaths and in securing the Major Trauma contract for Wales. That the responses to the questions tabled at the meeting be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. That the County Council be contracted regarding organising a follow up visit to the A&E department.
Cardiac Rehabilitation Response to County Council Health Scrutiny Report regarding phase IV Cardiac Rehabilitation	Full Committee.	That every effort be made to secure an early start date for the programme. That Staffordshire County Council be advised of the delay in commencing the programme and that the Chairman of this committee be asked to raise the issue at the next meeting of the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.
Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Full Committee	A update was provided to the Committee from the Executive Director for

		<p>Operational Services.</p> <p>The Council would continue to work on its on Strategy.</p> <p>Request from Active and Cohesive Committee that the Coordinating Committee considers the best way to scrutinise this topic - Coordinating Committee resolved the strategy should remain with Health Scrutiny, but that a working group could include Members of Active & Cohesive Scrutiny Committee</p>
Health and wellbeing Board	Full Committee	It had been agreed to increase elected member representation on the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board to two. Discussions were ongoing between this Council and Stoke and Staffordshire Moorlands with regard to the nomination of that additional member to represent the north of the county.
Phlebotomy Services	Full Committee	A report was submitted seeking answers to a large number of questions and it was agreed that these be forwarded to the PCT with a request that answers be provided in time for inclusion in the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.
Prescription Medication	Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee	The County would look into this issue following request from this Committee.
Infant Mortality	Full Committee following a request from the County Council Health Scrutiny Committee.	<p>That the Council's partnership Manager be requested to submit a report to the next meeting regarding her attendance at the Joint Steering Group and progress made by that Group.</p> <p>That dependent upon the above report, the committee give further consideration to its position on this issue at its next meeting.</p>