



Derby City Council

**CORPORATE SCRUTINY AND  
GOVERNANCE BOARD**  
23 February 2015

Report of the Strategic Director Resources

# ITEM 10

## Work Programme and Topic Reviews

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives members an opportunity to review progress on the agreed work programme for the current year, including on going topic reviews. It also provides information on items for future consideration. Details of the current work programme for the Corporate Scrutiny Board can be found at Appendix 2.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To confirm the continuing value of the current work programme for the Board, suggest future items for the work programme and receive updates on forthcoming or recent performance surgeries.
- 2.2 To discuss the evidence and consider draft recommendations on the Review of Voter Turnout which is soon to be concluded.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the board has a clear and evolving work programme and ensure that the board is kept informed on progress with regards to items on the work programme.
- 3.2 To enable the Board consider progress on the Topic Review, on Domestic Abuse, completed by the board.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### 4.1 Work Programme

The Overview and Scrutiny Boards usually agree their work programme at the start of municipal year. They also receive updates throughout the year to enable board members, the supporting Scrutiny Officer and departmental officers to plan in a strategic way and take account of any new items for inclusion in the programme.

- 4.2 The work programme is not restrictive, and board members can identify and introduce items for scrutiny throughout the year. Items for scrutiny will be discussed at pre-meetings with the Chair and Vice Chair, and will be added to the

Scrutiny Board Agenda at the Chair's discretion.

- 4.3 The Council Constitution limits one topic review report to be submitted to the Council Cabinet every six months from Scrutiny Boards. It is possible for each Board to conduct two reviews in each municipal year.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

<b>Legal officer</b>	N/A
<b>Financial officer</b>	N/A
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	N/A
<b>Estates/Property officer</b>	N/A
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	N/A
<b>Other(s)</b>	Phil O'Brien, Head of Democratic Services

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<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Work Programme

## Appendix 1

## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### Legal

- 2.2 Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### IT

- 4.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people and the very nature of the Board looks in depth at equality in all its investigations.
- 5.2 Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Health and Safety**

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme.

### **Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Risk Management**

- 9.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life. The work of this board contributes to the Council's big ambitions to give people in Derby 'an inspiring start in life', particularly by improving educational attainment.

## **Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board Work Programme**

### **1. Update on the Review of Voter Turnout**

To consider the evidence and suggest draft recommendations on the review of voter turnout.

### **2. Council– 26 November 2014**

#### **Motions debated: Review of four yearly cycle**

Derby City Council resolves that a consultation process is undertaken by the Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Board into a four year election cycle'

### **3. Council – 28 January 2015**

#### **Motions debated: Boundary Changes**

Resolved - Council notes that Derby City's boundary continues to be a target for developers to site housing schemes that significantly extend established communities. The impact of these developments on infrastructure and local services will be significant and wide-ranging.

Council also notes that authorities cannot change their own boundary as this is the responsibility of the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government based on recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Council therefore agrees to refer the matter of Derby's city boundary to the appropriate overview and scrutiny board to investigate further. The board should examine the benefits and additional responsibilities, such as providing adult social care and children's services that an extension of the boundary would bring.

### **4. The Council Plan 2015-18**

