

Emerging Topics for Consideration

Scrutiny of the Budget

Scrutiny of the budget can take place following the 27 November Performance Management Scrutiny Committee through to the setting of the budget in February. The existing Scrutiny Committee meetings can be utilised to scrutinise the work undertaken to establish the Council's funding gap, with Rapid Scrutiny focusing on the closing of the identified funding gap. In line with previous years, the assumptions around the funding gap are subject to receipt of the local government funding settlement; the draft due in December and the final due in January.

The next meeting of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee is Wednesday 22 January 2014 when the final settlement may have been received and more details will be available. Are members happy to wait until this meeting to consider the Budget as the Committee?

Rapid Action Scrutiny

Potential Topics – areas where there is current or imminent work.

Performance Management of Change

An opportunity to inform the work by the Portfolio Holder for Transformation Performance to develop not more than 10 key measures of the effectiveness of the Council's changing the way that it works.

Proposed new Adult Social Care Operating Model

An opportunity to look at the development of a new model of working which includes a changed conversation with the individual and a greater use of community, family and different appropriate support and options. This work will include looking at the approaches embodied in People2People (P2P) and STEP (Shropshire Together Empowering People) prototype.

Project North

An opportunity to explore the prototyping and work done to date on how the many services that support business can be delivered in a different way that better meet business need.

Family First (Monkmoor)

An opportunity to look at the work being undertaken to develop and prototype a new way to help empower Shropshire families to get the right help at the right time.

Learning from the original Locality Commissioning – Church Stretton

An opportunity to look at how this first locality commissioning operated. What happened, how was evidence used, decisions made, and what have the learning and benefits been from the prototypes that have completed their testing stages.

Potential topics – from discussions between the Scrutiny Chairs and the Directors not identified above

Reducing the cost of LAC

This includes areas and strategy such as developing a wider base of provision i.e. more lower cost options, taking fewer children into care, getting children out of care more quickly. Some key areas for members to engage i.e. increasing the range of foster families, should we have 3 children's homes, working through the cost base.

Personalisation for Children and Young People

Development of transition arrangements for children with disabilities

Economic Growth in Shropshire - this piece of work will start before Christmas and by the end of January we will have done some end to end reviews to understand what current happens and to establish purpose going forward.

Local Governance - this has started and we already have strong member involvement (Cllrs Motley, Butler and Winwood) but others would be welcome.

Waste Review – this work will look at the client function side, recycling and the contract. This will be a joint piece of work with the contractor and is expected to start w/c 9 December.

Redesign on CCTV Provision – this piece of work has been on-going for a while now and have undertaken various pieces of activity.

Regulatory and Business Support Services - this is the redesign across Planning, Business Growth and Public Protection - the team meet weekly and is at a critical stage in scoping the delivery options, so a good time to do Rapid Scrutiny over the next 6 weeks.

Redesign of activities for Young People – this is a piece of work that has started but is still at the shaping stage.

The impact of Personalisation for Adult Social Care – this would include investigating how Personalisation changes the types of services which individuals want to use and the implications for their design, commissioning and delivery.

Integrated Transformation Fund – this fund comes into place from April 2014 with changes expected in 12 months. It will include exploring the impact of developments and service improvement between Health and Social Care.

Other areas that will be starting in late January that scrutiny could also look at are:

Redesign of Libraries and wider face to face services

Visitor Economy – but this won't begin to be looked at this until late January, so it would be good to have members involved when this commences in January.

