

Scrutiny Work Programme

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Background/Description	Lead Officer/ Lead Member
TBC	Monitoring of the implementation of Charges for Pre-Application Development Control Advice	In April 2017 Scrutiny Committee supported the introduction of charging for Pre-Application Development Advice and requested a monitoring report is brought forward to establish the effectiveness of recouping costs and to consider the re-evaluation of fees.	Simon Fox/ Nigel Marston/ Cllr Angie Singleton
TBC	Precepting for Somerset Rivers Authority	Scrutiny Committee requested at their 30 th January meeting a progress report on the precepting arrangements for the Somerset Rivers Authority.	
TBC	Overview of Yeovil Refresh	Following a report to District Executive with regard to Yeovil Market at the beginning of January 2018, Scrutiny Committee members raised questions with regard to Yeovil Vision and felt they needed a better understanding of it to effectively scrutinise the governance, investment and strategic impact/relationship with the Council.	Helen Rutter/ Natalie Fortt /Cllr Peter Gubbins
TBC	Troubled Families Programme	Members requested an update report on the progress of the troubled families following a report covering the work of South Somerset Together, Local Strategic Partnership. A specific report request needs to be compiled.	Helen Rutter
TBC	Increased Joint Working Between Police Forces	At the meeting of Scrutiny Committee on 30 August 2016, the SSDC representative on the Police and Crime Panel requested that there be a report looking at the proposals for increased joint working between police forces across the South West.	

The Somerset Waste Board and Somerset Waste Partnership Forward Plan of key decisions can be viewed at:
<http://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=196&RD=0>

Current Task & Finish Reviews

Date Commenced	Title and Purpose	Members
February 2017 – currently on hold	<p>Accessible Homefinder Common Lettings Policy</p> <p>A review of the policy to ensure it is accessible for customers/the general public. Phase 1 completed with comments re style, layout and terminology fed back, phase 2 to commence June 2017 or later.</p>	Cllrs Sue Steele, Carol Goodall
October 2017	Council Tax Support 2019/20 - Consider the merits/risks of moving towards a discount based policy.	Cllrs Sue Steele, Carol Goodall, David Norris, Rob Stickland, Anna Groskop, Sue Osborne
February 2018	Working with the Transformation Team to identify, and deliver, Best Practice to provide accessible on-line information and services for all.	Cllrs Dave Bulmer, David Norris, Colin Winder, Carol Goodall, Sue Steele.
TBC	Rural Allocations Policy - The Disposal of Third Party properties had highlighted issues with the Rural Allocations Policy and some work now needs to be done to review the policy, no start date has been agreed for this as yet.	
TBC	Review of the rural economy and identifying business needs that SSDC could support or help facilitate to further growth and or diversification.	Agreed at 30 Jan Scrutiny Committee, no project scope has been developed at this stage.
<p>If you have any suggested topics for Scrutiny Committee to consider please contact Scrutiny Specialist – joanna.gale@southsomerset.gov.uk</p>		
<p>(The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are committed to ensuring they have capacity to contribute to the Council's Transformation programme and therefore fewer Task and Finish reviews may be conducted during the Transformation period).</p>		