

Scrutiny Committee – Review Subjects 2015/16

Timetabled for Scrutiny Meetings

Source	Issue/Description	Stage	Scrutiny Committee meeting date
Greenlaw and Hume CC	To consider outsourcing success stories from this Council and elsewhere in Scotland, in particular where the service has been outsourced to a third sector organisation.	Presentation by Kathryn Dickson, Procurement & Payment Services Manager.	18 August 2016.
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council	Great Tapestry of Scotland Working Group – Report.	Report by Scrutiny Working Group, presented by Councillor Mountford.	18 August 2016
Councillor Cockburn	Asymmetric Week	Presentation by Donna Manson, Service Director Children & Young People.	22 September 2016
Councillor Nicol	Recycling Centres. Update on the remarketing of goods for recycling at the Centre, including how other Local Authorities had approached this.	Presentation by Jenni Craig, Service Director Neighbourhood Services.	22 September 2016
Councillor Torrance	Social Work Duty Hub	Graeme Dobson, Project Manager. Les Grant, Customer Services Manager	24 November 2016

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Councillor Archibald	Artificial sports pitches. Briefing paper to be brought forward on existing artificial pitches in the Scottish Borders, to include information on the use, costs, benefits and issues of these facilities.	Presentation from Rob Dickson, Corporate Transformation and Services Director.	Rob Dickson to advise further.
Councillor Nicol	Review of Bridges Assets. The review should include the condition of bridges on the register and the processes for inspection and maintenance.	Presentation by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure	Martin Joyce to advise of date.
Royal Burgh of Peebles & District Community Council	This issue relates to how (and under what circumstances) community consultation is designed, planned and managed, and how the processes by which Council canvasses the views of local communities can be facilitated and improved upon. In particular, use the example of the process that led to the decision by the Council's Executive Committee to agree that Victoria Park, Peebles is the preferred location for a 3G pitch.	Presentation from Rob Dickson, Corporate Transformation & Services Director.	Rob Dickson to advise.
Lib Dem Group	Implications of the Community Empowerment Act on the Council – <i>"there may be multiple implications of the Community Empowerment Act e.g. disposal of assets either SBC or Common Good, the transfer of local services to community groups who wish to take them on, future provision of allotments etc."</i>	Presentation from Shona Smith, Communities & Partnership Manager and Douglas Scott, Senior Policy Advisor on Communities and Partnership Manager.	Seminar planned for all Members. Scrutiny to decide whether to pursue following seminar.
Scrutiny Committee	Drugs and Alcohol Strategy	To be confirmed Tim Patterson, Joint Director of Public Health.	TBA

Review Subjects to be considered/awaiting further information

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Councillor Gillespie	Home Schooling. To consider the requirement for a change in the law to ensure health assessments for home schooled children are carried out. Also to investigate parents undertaking an examination to ensure that they were adequate educators for primary and secondary school education.	Donna Manson, Service Director Children & Young People will provide private update.	

Reviews Completed 2015/16

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Scrutiny Committee	Following the review on road repairs maintenance, presented to the January meeting of Scrutiny Committee. There was a further report to the March meeting on the implications on the capital and revenue budgets of the trunk status of the A72 and A7. Scrutiny Committee requested a further report identifying the revenue and capital costs of works to individual roads in the roads infrastructure.	Report from Asset Manager	28 April 2016 Completed.
Councillor Logan	Support for Highly Able Learners in Schools	Presentation by Service Director Children & Young People.	28 April 2016. Completed.
Councillor Torrance	School Transport and Escorts	Presentation by Service Director Children and Young People.	28 April 2016. Completed.
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Scrutiny Committee	Financing arrangements for the Transport Interchange in Galashiels - to include subsidy arrangements and departure charges.	None.	24 March 2016 Completed
Councillor Archibald	Equalities Legislation. Consideration on the Council's up to date grant application form and information on how the legislation is applied to local festivals, in particular where the Council awards grants.	None.	24 March 2016 Completed
Councillor Bhatia	Protection of Private Water Supplies – <i>"in relation to Planning e.g. when a planning application is granted which requires an additional private supply or taking water from an existing private supply, how do existing householders ensure that their supply is protected? This may be purely a civil matter or the Council may have a role. This is further exacerbated with large forestry/windfarm applications."</i>	Recommendation to be considered by Executive Committee on 22 March 2016.	18 February 2016 Completed.
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council Allocation of budgets for road maintenance and repairs.	To review extent to which the SBC budget for road repairs and maintenance is sufficient to meet need and the not unreasonable expectation that roads will be maintained in a safe condition. Within this context, to particularly examine how the allocation of budget for rural roads is arrived and whether more should be allocated.	Recommendation considered by Executive Committee on 8 March 2016 – accepted.	28 January 2016 Completed.
Graeme Donald	Religious Observance Policy } }These were presented together at the } same meeting.	None – briefing session	29 October 2015 Completed
Scrutiny Committee	Faith Schools }	None – briefing session	29 October 2015 Completed
Councillor Turnbull	Fees for taxi licensing – the amount paid to outside bodies in administering taxi licensing and how the fees for a licence in the Borders compare with those of neighbouring authorities.	Information emailed to Cllr Turnbull from Licensing Team Leader on 5/10/15. Cllr Turnbull does	14 October 2015 Completed.

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		not wish to pursue further.	
Scrutiny Committee	Attainment levels in Schools in Deprived Areas	None – briefing session	24 September 2015 Completed
Scrutiny Committee	Mainstream Schools and Children with Complex Additional Support Needs	None – briefing session	24 September 2015 Completed

Reviews Completed 2014/15

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Scrutiny Committee	Funding available to Community Councils	Presentation from Ms Malster	11 June 2015 Completed.
Scrutiny Committee	Presentations on Planning Enforcement and the Building Inspection Regime	Presentation from Alan Gueldner, Lead Officer Enforcement and Mr James Whiteford, Lead Building Standards Surveyor	11 June 2015 Completed.
Scrutiny Committee	Procurement Control of contractors policy/repairs & maintenance framework agreement procurement project	Presentation by Kathryn Dickson, Procurement and Payment Services Manager; Graham Cresswell, Health and Safety Manager; Ray Cherry, Senior	28 May 2015 Completed.

		Architect; Stuart Mawson, Property Manager.	
Scrutiny Committee	Use of Small Schemes and Quality of Life Funding by Area Fora	Report by Jenni Craig, Service Director Neighbourhood Services.	26 March 2015 Completed.