

Scrutiny Committee – Review Subjects 2016/17

Timetabled for Scrutiny Meetings

Source	Issue/Description	Stage	Scrutiny Committee Meeting Date
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 Martin Joyce, Service Director Assets and Infrastructure.	27 October 2016
Councillor Torrance	Social Work Duty Hub.	Graeme Dobson, Project Manager, Les Grant, Customer Services Manager.	27 October 2016.
Scrutiny Committee	Drugs and Alcohol Strategy.	Elaine Torrance, Chief Social Work Officer; Tim Patterson, Joint Director of Public Health, Fiona Doig.	24 November 2016
Scrutiny Committee	Policies and Procedures for Protective Marking of Documents and Management of Information.	Information Governance Board to make presentation.	24 November 2016
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.	26 January 2017.
Scrutiny	The impact of third party use on the Local Authority’s road network, e.g. timber transportation and wind turbine transportation.		26 January 2017

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 secondary school education.	Donna Manson, Service Director Children & Young People will provide private updated.	Private Briefing for Members in September/October 2016. Cllr Gillespie to discuss with Ms Manson and advise at next meeting.
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.	Deferred until report considered by Executive Committee.
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 and Services Director.	Removed. (Paragraph 2.2 of the minute of 18 August 2016 refers).

Reviews Completed 2015/16

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Councillor Nicol	Recycling Centres. Update on remarketing of goods for recycling at Community Recycling Centres, including how other authorities approached this.	Presentation by Jenni Craig, Service Director Neighbourhood Services and Ross Sharp-Dent, Waste Manager.	22 September 2016. Completed.
Councillor Cockburn	Asymmetric Week	Presentation by Donna Manson, Service Director Children & Young People, Ms M Strong, Chief Officer Education & Lifelong Learning; Mr P Fagan & Ms A M Bready, Headteachers.	22 September 2016. Completed.
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council	Great Tapestry of Scotland Working Group – Report	Report by Scrutiny Committee Working Group, presented by Councillor Mountford	18 August 2016. Completed.
Greenlaw and Hume Community Council	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. Completed.
Councillor Torrance	School Transport and Escorts	Presentation by Dona Manson, Service Director Children and Young People.	28 April 2016 Completed.
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.

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Councillor Logan	Support for Highly Able Learners in Schools	Presentation by Donna Manson, Service Director Children & Young People.	28 April 2016. Completed.
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 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 – “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.”	Recommendation to be considered by Executive Committee on 22 March 2016.	18 February 2016. Completed.
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council. Allocation of budgets for rural 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	None – briefing session	29 October 2015. Completed.
Scrutiny Committee	Faith Schools } } the same meeting.	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 to wish to pursue further.	14 October 2015. Completed.

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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 Clare Malster, Strategic Community Engagement Officer	11 June 2015. Completed.
Scrutiny Committee	Presentations on Planning Enforcement and Building Inspection Regime.	Presentation from Alan Gueldner, Lead 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 & Safety Manager; Ray Cherry, Senior Architect; Stuart Mawson, Property Manager.	28 May 2015. Completed.
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.