

Scrutiny Committee – Review Subjects

The following are those subject areas which have been requested for Scrutiny to consider and the stage they have reached:

Source	Issue/Description	Stage	Lead Officer	Proposed Scrutiny Committee meeting date
Ettrick and Yarrow Community Council	Great Tapestry of Scotland – to scrutinise the whole process through which the decision appears to have been taken by SBC Councillors to site the great tapestry of Scotland in a new-build at Tweedbank. In particular, to scrutinise the extent to which a full option appraisal was undertaken of all possible sites and that the detailed business case was presented for all options prior to any decision being made.	Short term Scrutiny Working Group established with membership as follows: Councillors Cockburn, Gillespie, Mountford and Campbell.		
Scrutiny Committee	Following the review on road repairs maintenance, presented to the January meeting of Scrutiny Committee. Scrutiny Committee requested that a further report be brought back for consideration in March 2016. The report to consider the implications for capital and revenue budgets of the trunk status of the A72 and A7, the effects on the capital program and SBc Contracts.	Report from Infrastructure Manager	A Drummond-Hunt and C Ovens	24 March 2016
Councillor Bhatia	Protection of Private Water Supplies 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>	Presentation will include input from Planning, Legal and Environmental Health.	Anthony Carson	18 February 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 and Partnership Manager now scheduled.	Shona Smith	24 March 2016
Scrutiny Committee	Financing arrangements for the Transport Interchange in Galashiels - to include subsidy arrangements and departure charges.	Consideration on whether to conduct a review of the financing arrangements for the Transport Interchange would be decided in March 2016.		Private update and short presentation on the 24 March 2016.

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Councillor Logan	Support for Highly Able Learners in Schools		Donna Manson	18 February 2016. Presentation by Service Director Children & Young People.
Councillor Torrance	School Transport and Escorts		Donna Manson	28 April 2016. Presentation by Service Director Children and Young People.
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	Ms Manson will discuss with Councillor Gillespie. Presentation by the Service Director Children and Young People.
Greenlaw and Hume CC	To consider how SBC Scrutiny Committee should look at outsourcing success stories elsewhere in Scottish Local Authority bodies, in particular where the service has been outsourced to a third sector organisation.	Scrutiny to decide how to take this item forward.	Jenny Wilkinson	18 February 2016
Scrutiny Committee	Renewable energy – to include arrangements for biomass boilers at high schools.	Likely to be considered by the Executive Committee. <i>Scrutiny Review on hold.</i>		
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.	A presentation on the Community Engagement Framework be brought to the April 2016 meeting. Scrutiny then to decide how they wished to proceed.		28 April 2016

