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Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Committee Room 2
Town Hall
Stockport Business

Meeting: Tuesday, 3 August 2009
Tea: 5.00 pm (Stopford House)
6.00 p.m.

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1. MINUTES

(Enclosed)

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June, 2010.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers to declare any interest which they may have in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting (including whipping declarations).

3. CALL-IN

To prioritise if necessary any references from Scrutiny Committees to the Council Meeting.

4. PARTNERSHIP REPORTING TO SCRUTINY

(Enclosed)

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy)

To discuss the arrangements for reporting the process for thematic partnerships to report to scrutiny committees to ensure that scrutiny committees are able to engage effectively with the partnerships.

The Committee is requested to consider the report from the individual Scrutiny Committees and determine their response to the Executive.

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SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

At:

Meeting: 15 June, 2010
6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Jenny Humphreys, Wendy Meikle, June Somekh and Iain Roberts.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Wendy Meikle be elected as Chair for the Municipal Year, 2010/2011

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Jenny Humphreys be appointed as Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year, 2010/2011.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 19 November 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

5. CALL-IN

There were no items to consider.

6. SCRUTINY REVIEW PROCESS

The Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) considering the relationship between the BITE strategy and the scrutiny review process in the current municipal year. It outlined proposals to engage with Scrutiny Committees in the autumn, regarding medium term financial planning and Council priorities.

The Committee was given a brief explanation of the BITE process, which was the approach being taken to improve efficiency savings over the next 2/3 year period. It included a mix of actions originating from the Corporate Efficiency Plan. The process suggested for engagement with Scrutiny Committees recognised the challenge and was not designed to wholly determine the choice of scrutiny review. It sought to join the two in a beneficial manner.

It was recognised that Scrutiny Chairs would need to be aware of possible tensions of staff being involved in both processes which could influence future choice of potential scrutiny reviews.

The Committee also recognised the need to focus on priorities and resources and agreed that this should be highlighted by the suggested engagement in the process to determine the priorities and medium term financial strategy which would be submitted for consideration in autumn 2010.

In pursuance of the BITE Strategy, a value for money/benchmarking exercise had been undertaken across the whole of the Council's operations, and 25 services had been put forward for a more in-depth exploration using the BITE approach. This was to assess the scope for efficiencies and improvement within the targeted areas. The services which were included within the initial scoping exercise were detailed within the report and could serve as suggested topics for this year's scrutiny reviews where Members may consider they could add significant value. Consequently it was agreed that Scrutiny Chairs should contact their relevant Corporate Director and consult on the service areas relevant to their Scrutiny Committee to consider these in more detail and identify those that may be of interest to the whole Committee in identifying potential scrutiny reviews for 2010/2011.

In addition, a list of possible areas for scrutiny reviews suggested during the previous year and not yet undertaken should be compiled and circulated in order to inform choice; and that these should be considered in tandem with those identified within the BITE process.

As part of the process, the Committee requested that five separate reports be submitted in the next round of scrutiny meetings which would be tailored for individual scrutiny committees detailing clear suggestions on potential review topics for 2010/11 together with the current estimated resources within the service areas.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That all Scrutiny Chairs be requested to consult with their relevant Corporate Director on the best way forward to promote best value and efficiency while identifying potential scrutiny reviews for 2010/2011.

(3) That Individual reports be submitted in the next round of scrutiny meetings detailing suggestions on potential review topics for 2010/11.

(4) That Age Concern and Stockport CVS be contacted in order gain information on current trends in the uptake of volunteer work in Stockport

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm

COMMITTEE: SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
DATE: 3RD AUGUST 2010
REPORT OF: SCRUTINY MANAGER AND STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP
MANAGER
REPORT TITLE: PARTNERSHIP REPORTING TO SCRUTINY

1.0 Introduction and Purpose

1.1 At the April round of Scrutiny Committee reporting arrangements of thematic partnerships to Scrutiny were proposed. Members on a number of committees raised a number of issues about the proposed process. The purpose of this report is to respond to these issues and agree a process for reporting to scrutiny committees to ensure the committees are able to engage effectively with the partnerships about their work over the past 12 months and future work programme.

2.0 Partnership Governance and Performance Management

2.1 Members of scrutiny committees now receive the link to the agenda/reports for relevant partnership meetings (with the exception of the Children's Trust Board which is being addressed). This has responded to an ongoing concern to members. During discussion on the proposed arrangements, a small number of Members requested access to the agendas/reports of thematic partnership sub-groups. Thematic partnerships are not uniform and, whilst some operate as stand alone partnerships others have a complex structure of sub-groups. These sub-groups can be fluid, time limited in order to respond to emerging issues or well established long standing part of the partnership.

2.2 The number of sub-groups operating as part of some thematic partnerships and the differing arrangement with which they operated may limit the value Members could draw from accessing the associated papers.

2.3 However, whilst the governance and performance management arrangements of each thematic partnership differ, work is on going by the Partnership Team to consolidate the performance arrangements of the various thematic partnerships, and associated sub-groups, and produce a framework setting minimum standards. This would ensure the issues for which the sub-groups are responsible for are systematically reported to the thematic partnership Boards and captured within the performance management framework of that partnership.

2.4 In most instances this is already the case. The work of sub-groups, and the issues which they are responsible for, are routinely reported to the thematic partnerships at appropriate intervals.

3.0 Template report

- 3.1 To ensure a consistent level of reporting across the thematic partnerships and that the issues and activity considered by the sub-groups is captured a template report has been drafted (attached as Appendix One).
- 3.2 This template is intended to ensure partnerships set out current working arrangements including the structure and reporting arrangements of the sub-groups as part of the report to Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 It is intended that this should provide sufficient detail about the work of sub-groups to allow Scrutiny Committees to identify issues for further Scrutiny.

4.0 Timetable for Reporting to Scrutiny Committees

- 4.1 Appendix 2 sets out a proposed timescale for thematic partnerships to report to scrutiny committees and reflects the revised business programme agreed at the last full council meeting.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Scrutiny chairs consider and comment on the template and endorse the arrangements for thematic partnerships to report to scrutiny committees.

Further information

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Report to the xxxxx Scrutiny Committee

Annual Report of the xxxxx Partnership

Report of: xxxxxxx, Chair of the xxxx Partnership

1. Purpose of the Report:

To update this Committee on the work of the xxxxx thematic partnership including areas of achievements, under performance, emerging priorities and risks to allow comment and challenge.

This report provides an overview of the work of the partnership to stimulate discussion and allow areas for detailed scrutiny to be identified.

2. Introduction to the xxx Partnership:

2.1. Partnership Remit/ Priorities

Summarise the partnership's areas of responsibility and priorities as set out in partnership strategies

2.2 Governance Arrangements

Detail the current working arrangements of the partnership high-lighting any significant changes to the governance, structure, membership in the reporting period.

If appropriate append a partnership structure diagram

The current partnership structure is included at Appendix 1

2.3 Performance Management Arrangements

Summarise the current performance management arrangements setting out the means by which the partnership performance manage any subgroup.

3. Summary of achievements in past 12 months

Successful projects/ activity

Evidence of positive outcomes

The latest LAA/ Partnership performance report is included at Appendix 2

4. Summary of emerging issues for next 12 months

Inc. risks/ challenges

Strategies/ action plans due for revision

5. Recommendations

That this Committee:

5.1 Comment on the report and endorse the ongoing work of the partnership and

5.2 Please identify any areas for further Scrutiny

Appendix 1:

Partnership Structure

Appendix 2

Partnership/ LAA performance report

Appendix Two – Timetable of Reporting Arrangements

Revised Schedule of Reporting

Dates >>	2010									2011					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun
By Scrutiny Committee															
Adults and Communities				SSP		SCP			AESEP		SSP				
Health						HWBP									
Children									CT						
Economy and Environment											EP				EA
CRMG								SPB							

Rationale for timings

- SPB To align with 6 monthly reporting to GONW, renegotiation of LAA and CAA process
- SSP Dates already agreed and in operation
- SCP flexible
- HWBP flexible
- CT Proposed to align with publication of educational attainment results
- EP flexible
- EA flexible but proposed to align with AESEP to allow joint reporting to SPB
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Glossary

- SPB – Stockport Partnership Board
- SCP – Stronger Communities Partnership
- CT – Children Trust
- EA – Economic Alliance Partnership

- SSP – Safer Stockport Partnership
- HWBP – Health and Wellbeing Partnership
- EP – Environment partnership
- AESEP – Adult Education, Skills & Employment Partnership