

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 22 July 2015

Subject: Work Schedule

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Scrutiny Board's work schedule for the municipal year.

2 Main Issues

- 2.1 At the June meeting of the Scrutiny Board (City Development) a number of sources of work were put forward by members of the Board for consideration. The Board resolved that the Chair and the Scrutiny Officer consult with the relevant Director and Executive Board Members regarding resources in line with the agreed Vision for Scrutiny and report back to the next meeting with a draft work programme.

In considering the draft work programme effort has been undertaken to:

- Avoid duplication by having a full appreciation of any existing forums already having oversight of, or monitoring a particular issue
- Ensure any Scrutiny undertaken has clarity and focus of purpose and will add value and can be delivered within an agreed time frame.
- Avoid pure "information items" except where that information is being received as part of a policy/scrutiny review
- Seek advice about available resources and relevant timings taking into consideration the workload across the Scrutiny Boards and the type of Scrutiny taking place
- Build in sufficient flexibility to enable the consideration of urgent matters that may arise during the year

2.2 The following sources of work put forward by members of the Scrutiny Board have been scheduled into the work programme:

- Continuation of the Housing Mix inquiry. The revised terms of reference are included in the July 2015 agenda.
- European City of Culture and the new cultural strategy bid. This will extend into the 2016/17 municipal year in line with the approximate timescales provided by City Development.
- Sustainability of council leisure and cultural facilities and how accessible they are to residents to promote inclusivity. This has currently been scheduled to complement the work of the Executive Board and to facilitate pre-decision scrutiny.
- The review of operations of deregulated bus services in the city, quality, affordability, promoting access to employment, education, leisure and inward investment.
- The digital divide and high speed broadband.
- Road Safety and 20mph zones. Some work on 20mph zones had already been undertaken by the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) in 2014/15 this will be concluded as part of a wider piece of work into road safety.
- More jobs, better jobs for Leeds residents. Reducing in work poverty, using powers and influence through city growth and investment to promote and create local employment and skills opportunities. This complements the annual reviews of the previous Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) into maximising planning and procurement powers to influence and create local employment and skills opportunities.

2.3 The Board recognised that areas falling under the Council's Budget and Policy Framework will be referred to the Scrutiny Board and that performance monitoring would also be scheduled into the work programme. Recommendation tracking requirements have also been reflected along with a review of the Tour de France Legacy, which the predecessor board requested. One historical area of work referred to at the June meeting was the Grand Theatre. This piece of work was undertaken to by the Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture) to inform the Executive Board decision making process. As this piece of work was been concluded no further activity has been reflected in the 2015/16 work programme.

2.4 The draft work schedule is attached as appendix 1, completed pending ongoing discussions with the Board. The work schedule will continue to be subject to change throughout the municipal year.

2.5 Also attached as appendix 2 is the minutes of Executive Board for 24 June 2015.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to:

- a) Consider the draft work schedule and make amendments as appropriate.
- b) Note the Executive Board minutes

4. **Background papers**¹ - None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.