

Report to:	RESILIENT COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.
Date of Meeting	4 February 2016

SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 The Committee to consider the Workplan, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review.

2.0 Recommendations:

- 2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.
- 2.2 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.
- 2.3 To establish a Scrutiny Review Panel to consider all Quality Accounts received in 2016.
- 2.4 To approve the scoping document of the Educational Attainment 2015 Scrutiny Review Panel.
- 2.5 To approve widening the remit of the Public Health Scrutiny Panel and enabling a further meeting of the Panel to consider the draft Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and revised Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

- 3.1 To ensure the Workplan is up to date and is an accurate representation of the Committee's work.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Scrutiny Workplan

5.1.1 The Scrutiny Committee Workplan is attached at Appendix 4 (a). The Workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that the Committee will undertake over the course of the year.

5.1.2 Committee Members are invited, either now or in the future, to suggest topics that might be suitable for scrutiny in order that they be added to the Workplan.

5.2 Scrutiny Review Checklist

5.2.1 The Scrutiny Review Checklist is attached at Appendix 4 (b). The checklist forms part of the mandatory scrutiny procedure for establishing review panels and must therefore be completed and submitted for consideration by the Committee, prior to a topic being approved for scrutiny.

5.3 Training Schedule

5.3.1 A training schedule has been developed in order to assist Members of the Committee with their work. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Learning from Others and Ourselves:</u> How can we learn from inspection reports that we have received and criticisms that have been made of other local authority scrutiny functions.	22 nd February 2016
<u>Providing a focussed challenge to Health bodies:</u> Based upon the guidance provided by the Department of Health to support Local Authorities to deliver effective health scrutiny.	Tbc May 2016

5.4 Implementation of Recommendations/Actions

- 5.4.1 The table attached to Appendix 4(c) has been developed to assist the Committee to effectively ensure that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.
- 5.4.2 Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and ask questions as appropriate.

5.5 Educational Attainment 2015 Scrutiny Review Scoping Document

- 5.5.1 If timetabling allows, each review panel scoping document will be submitted to Committee for approval prior to commencement of a review. Attached at Appendix 4 (d) is the Educational Attainment 2015 Scrutiny Review Scoping Document for approval.

The Scoping Document has expanded and built on the original remit of the Panel based on requests made by Panel Members. It is envisaged that a series of meetings will be held in order to consider educational attainment and the key factors that impact upon attainment.

5.6 Quality Accounts Scrutiny Review Panel

- 5.6.1 The Committee is requested to consider establishing a review panel to consider all Quality Accounts submitted for comments in 2016 from health bodies.

- 5.6.1 Previously the Quality Accounts of health organisations such as the North West Ambulance Service and Lancashire Care Foundation Trust were considered by the Health Scrutiny Committee. It is considered that the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee does not have the capacity within its workplan to discuss each Quality Account at a Committee meeting and therefore it is proposed to establish a scrutiny panel to undertake this work.

5.7 Public Health Scrutiny Panel

- 5.7.1 The Panel was established by the Committee on 17 September 2015, to consider the Public Health Annual Report in more detail, as well as the wider determinants of health and the targets and priorities moving forward. Concern had also been expressed in the Committee meeting that many of the main issues had been known for some time, so the Panel aimed to consider how progress could be made in this regard. It was intended that the Panel would only require one meeting in order to gather evidence and draw conclusions.

- 5.7.2 The Panel met on 8 January 2016 and considered the Public Health Annual Report in detail. Members noted that the main recommendation arising from the report was that the recommendations set out in the Due North report, upon which the Public Health Annual Report was based, were implemented without delay.
- 5.7.3 Panel Members were advised that an action plan covering the four overarching recommendations from the Due North report was currently being drafted and would be incorporated into the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy. It was also considered that findings within the Public Health Annual Report 2014 had formed a partial basis for the contents of the revised Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- 5.7.4 The Panel therefore agreed that another meeting would be required to properly consider the draft Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and the revised Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- 5.7.5 The Committee is therefore requested to approve widening the remit of the Panel and enabling a further meeting of the Public Health Scrutiny Panel to consider those issues.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 4 (a), Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee Workplan
Appendix 4 (b), Scrutiny Review Checklist
Appendix 4 (c), Implementation of Recommendations/Actions
Appendix 4 (d), Educational Attainment 2015 Scrutiny Review
Scoping Document

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.