

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME



containing scrutiny work to be undertaken 1 AUGUST- 30 NOVEMBER
20145

The scrutiny work programme belongs to the council's Scrutiny Committee and sets out a schedule of scrutiny work due to be carried out over during period shown above. It is a rolling plan, subject to change at each Scrutiny Committee meeting; however, the scrutiny work programme and changes to it are subject to the council's approval.

Representations can be made on any of the following issues before an item is considered by the Scrutiny Committee. Representations must be made to the relevant contact officer shown below by 10am on the day the Committee is due to meet. The meeting dates are shown below.

Item title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Cabinet member	Why is it here?	Scope	Notes
Financial Services Contract: Capita	Scrutiny Committee 18 Sep 2014	William Jacobs, Head of Finance	Matthew Barber, Cabinet member for finance.	The committee undertakes an annual monitoring of the financial services contract.	To review the contractor's performance and to make any recommendations to the Cabinet member.	
Financial outturn 2013/14	Scrutiny Committee 18 Sep 2014	William Jacobs, Head of Finance	Matthew Barber, Cabinet member for finance	Annual report to Scrutiny on the financial outturn or the previous year.	To make recommendations to Cabinet.	

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Vale Flooding Review	Scrutiny Committee 18 Sep 2014	Chris Tyson, Head of Leisure Economy and Property	Elaine Ware, Cabinet member for economy, leisure and property	At request of Scrutiny Committee	To assess the effectiveness of Vale's and other agencies responses to the recent floods and to make recommendations to Cabinet for future improvements	Also to be present: Env Agency, Thames Water, Oxon CC emergency planners and highways.
Councillor Development and Induction Programme	Scrutiny Committee 18 Sep 2014	Clare Kingston, Head of Corporate Strategy	Matthew Barber, Cabinet member for legal and democratic	Vale Scrutiny Committee have commissioned the project	To assess the effectiveness of the pilot project and make recommendations to Cabinet/Council	
Local Plan update	Scrutiny Committee 25 Sep 2014	Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning	Mike Murray, Cabinet member for the Local Plan		Update on the progress towards finalising a local plan (no numbers no sites). And to look at an indicative committee timetable.	Date to be confirmed by officer: July or August

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Temporary Accommodation Strategy	Scrutiny Committee 23 Oct 2014	Debbie Taylor, Head of Housing Email: debbie.taylor@southandvale.gov.uk	Roger Cox, Cabinet member for health and housing	At the request of the Scrutiny Committee	To assess whether RSLs are meeting temporary housing needs in the Vale	
Planning enforcement	Scrutiny Committee 23 Oct 2014	Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning	Roger Cox, Cabinet member for planning enforcement			
Elections	Scrutiny Committee 23 Oct 2014	Steven Corrigan Tel. 01491 823049 Email: steven.corrigan@southandvale.gov.uk	Matthew Barber, Cabinet member for legal and democratic	To review the elections project plan and risk assessment and review the management of the European Parliamentary elections.		
Review of the leisure strategy	Scrutiny Committee 27 Nov 2014	Chris Tyson, Head of Leisure Economy and Property				After it's last consideration of this item the committee requested to: "add this item to the scrutiny work programme for a further review after the local plan is approved."

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New Homelessness Strategy	Scrutiny Committee 27 Nov 2014	Melissa Cripps Email: melissa.cripps@southandvale.gov.uk	Roger Cox, Cabinet member for health and housing	At request of Scrutiny Committee	Council's response to homeless people to whom it has a legal duty	
Review the council tax reduction scheme	Scrutiny Committee 27 Nov 2014	Paul Howden	Matthew Barber, Cabinet member for finance	ensure the admin cost is less than the savings; county council and police meeting share of costs; review complaints		
Review of Abingdon outdoor pool	Scrutiny Committee 27 Nov 2014	Chris Tyson, Head of Leisure Economy and Property	Elaine Ware, Cabinet member for economy, leisure and property	To review the 2014 season		
S106 Planning Obligations Monitoring Report	Scrutiny Committee 18 Dec 2014	Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning	Roger Cox, Cabinet member for development management	At the request of the Scrutiny Committee	To consider and provide comments to the Cabinet member for development management on the progress in working with developers and the internal management and monitoring of planning obligations.	

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Review of The Beacon Wantage	Scrutiny Committee 25 Jun 2015	Jo Paterson	Elaine Ware, Cabinet member for property, leisure and economy	To review the success of The Beacon, one year on from rebranding. To assess performance against KPIs		
WiFi in Vale Towns	Scrutiny Committee					Requested by Scrutiny committee.