

		Agenda Item 4
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Committee:	Executive Scrutiny Committee	
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Future Work Programme Planning and Scoping Report		
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Introduction

The main purpose of this report is to prompt discussion by the Committee in relation to the development and scoping of future scrutiny review topics presently on the Committee's Forward Look. It is envisaged that scoping documents setting out the areas that the Committee identifies for review at this meeting will be incorporated into scoping documents and brought to the next meeting in October for ratification. The Committee is invited to consider this report alongside the Forward Look in order that the future work programme may be agreed.

Transformation Programme Scrutiny Review

Since late 2009 the Committee has undertaken a review of the Transformation Programme and taken evidence on a number of the main Transformation themes: efficiencies, procurement, customer services, IT, property, new ways of working and risk management and governance.

These evidence sessions culminated in the Committee producing three reports:

1. Transformation Programme Scrutiny Review: Progress Report (22 March 2011, ES/016/11)
2. Transformation Programme Scrutiny Review: Interim Report (26 April 2011, ES/023/11)
3. Transformation Programme Scrutiny Review: Risk Management and Governance Report (23 June 2011, ES/037/11)

The Committee has already indicated that it wishes the following themes to return to future meetings for further review:

- Shared Services
- IT Modernisation and Cloud Computing

A few months ago it was agreed that the Shared Services elements of the Transformation Programme Scrutiny Review would be merged with the Partnerships scoping document. Further research has indicated that this approach would not be appropriate as the two topics are not sufficiently aligned. In view of this it is proposed that the two topics are considered individually.

The Committee received an update at its last meeting from Jenny Owen around the New Ways of Working initiatives, and indicated that it wished to re-visit this theme at a future meeting.

Discussion points:

1. The Committee is invited to discuss the format for its final report of the Transformation Programme scrutiny review;
 2. The Committee is invited to discuss the areas it wishes to focus on in relation to the New Ways of Working initiatives (including the corporate services and business support reviews) when the topic is re-visited at a future meeting;
 3. The Committee is invited to discuss the areas of focus it wishes to explore in relation to 2013 and beyond in view of the Council moving to become a commissioning organisation. The Committee may wish to consider how alternative delivery vehicles will be funded, how appropriate legal frameworks will be established, how performance and finances will be monitored, and how the Council will ensure its views are represented;
 4. The Committee is invited to **agree** that the 'Partnerships' Scoping Document is amended to include 'Taking account of the abolition of Area Forums: Locality Boards' and that an initial briefing session will take place at a future meeting;
 5. The Committee is invited to **agree** that the Essex Shared Services Strategy 2011-2016 is brought to a future meeting.
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Restructure of the Integrated Youth Service

On 20 May the Scrutiny Board agreed that the Executive Scrutiny Committee would undertake a review of the Restructure of the Integrated Youth Service. Since that date, the Children and Young Peoples Policy and Scrutiny Committee have also identified this topic for review in January 2012. In view of this, the Executive Scrutiny Committee is invited to discuss whether it wishes to develop this review, or request the outcome of the work undertaken by the Children and Young Peoples Policy and Scrutiny Committee once it has been completed.
