

Scrutiny Work Programme Topics 2015 - 16

A workshop was held on the 4 June prior to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board meeting, where Councillors attended to discuss the consultation responses gathered through January – March 2015.

It was acknowledged that would be important to leave capacity within the review work programme to accommodate emerging issues and suggestions from new Members.

The following topics were recommended as reviews (in no particular order):

Topic	Suggested Terms of Reference	Council Plan Corporate Objective
Future delivery of services: Review of the blue collar contracts – e.g. weekly waste collections, public toilet cleaning and maintenance. Are we getting value for money? Do contractors fulfil their contractual obligations to a satisfactory standard?	To undertake a value for money review of the existing blue collar contract, focusing specifically on the areas of waste collection and public toilet cleaning and maintenance.	Strong Economy, Rich Environment
The use of Penrith and Alston Community Hospitals	Penrith and Alston Hospitals. Many patients are sent or transferred to Carlisle often for minor complaints, with a need through the Better Care Fund to promote integrated health and social care services and treat patients closer to home, what role do community hospitals such as Penrith play, particularly in areas like Eden where we do not have an A&E department within our district boundaries?	Thriving Communities
Heritage – Eden has significant heritage assets including historic buildings, landscapes and collections. I am referring here to the district as a whole, not just assets that are owned or managed by the Council. Do	Does Eden make the best use of our heritage assets to promote economic development, tourism and provide citizens with recreational and educational opportunities in relating to the historic	Thriving Communities

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A review into how greater devolution of services to Town and Parish Councils in Eden might work (also known as Place Based Budgeting).	To identify Council the demand/enthusiasm to devolve services to Town/Parish Councils in Eden and identify services that could potentially be devolved.	Thriving Communities
Joint working: A scrutiny review (potentially a joint scrutiny review) should be undertaken to objectively consider all of the options available to local government in Cumbria, check the proposed savings and make recommendations on a suitable way forward.	Officer comment: Officers would recommend that pre-scoping meetings would need to be undertaken before setting a terms of reference for this topic in order to discuss the issues involved with partner agencies.	Quality Council
Review of the Council's Single Site Project	Single site project – a review comparing the estimated costs with the actual costs so far. What are the real savings and how can these be achieved, what is happening to Mansion House and what is happening to the car park?	Quality Council