Review of the Work of Overview and Scrutiny Key activity and achievements

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Outcome
Campus and Operational Delivery Programme	2010-12	Task Group held the Cabinet Member and leading officers to account for the early development and delivery of the project	Ensured wider understanding and engagement in the programme at a policy level including reviewing the outcome of comprehensive community consultation and funding/resourcing requirements
Procurement	December 2012	Reviewed the business case for the proposed introduction of a category management approach to procurement and commissioning	Provided effective challenge to the Cabinet Member and Lead Officer on the robustness of the proposals and intended benefits
Traded Services	Late 2012/13	Developed from scrutiny interest in the implications arising from school academies and the trading of council services in the region	Contributed to the early development of policy considerations about how the Council intends to trade in services in the future
Information Services Delivery Plan	October 2012	Reviewed key components of the delivery plan	Provided effective challenge and support to the Cabinet Member and Lead Officers in shaping future ICT services

Children's Services Select Committee

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Outcome
Rapid Scrutiny: Review of SEN Provision	Jan 2010 – May 2011	Considered proposals for SEN service development with respect to primary schools, specialist learning centres, special schools and SEN Support services.	Made recommendations particularly on the consultation process followed. Committee monitored the transitions of individual pupils affected.
Placements For LAC Task Group	Mar 2011 – May 2012	Established to consider the Children in Care Commissioning Strategy. Subsequently undertook longer term work scrutinising performance and budget management of all services for LAC and their carers.	Impacted on several strategies and was also praised in the 2012 Ofsted inspection report.
Rapid Scrutiny: 11-19 Commissioning Strategy Consultation	July 2011	Drafted a detailed response to the 13-19 Commissioning Strategy consultation document.	Response was endorsed by Committee and its recommendations influenced the final Strategy.
Rapid Scrutiny: Denominational Transport	Sep 2011	Established to consider the proposals to remove funding assistance for this area in detail. A well-attended public meeting was held, including opportunity for affected schools and parents to make representations, and the final report was submitted to Cabinet.	Cabinet received the report and the initial proposals were adjusted, more in-line with Scrutiny's recommendations.
Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group	May 2012	Established following the 2012 Ofsted inspection of safeguarding services and services for LAC. Conducted an investigative 11-month review	The Task Group's Final Report, containing 41 recommendations, was endorsed by Select

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		focusing on communications, social care workforce, locality working and members and safeguarding.	Committee and an executive response will be received in June.
			The Task Group's work was also presented to the South West Overview & Scrutiny Network.

Health Select Committee

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Outcome
End of Life Care Task Group	Nov 2010	Review of end of life care provision for Wiltshire residents.	Confirmation that engagement process had been extensive and inclusive. Improved communication with public and raised profile of palliative care. Greater emphasis on providing identified patient choices in End of Life Care Strategy.
Dementia Task Group	July 2011	Review of services for dementia sufferers.	Promotion of Dementia Champion project and wider community engagement through Area Boards. Increased information on access to dementia services. Endorsement of partner report.
Continuing Health Care (CHC) Working Group	July 2012	Working Group, including representatives from both the Council and NHS Wiltshire reviewed NHS CHC, and the Council's partnership working arrangements with NHS Wiltshire for both CHC and joint packages of care.	New protocol developed to ensure robust joint decision making, clearer guidance on CHC and joint packages of care developed, and a continual improvements programme to ensure consistency. Highlighted positive demonstration of partnership working between NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council.

Environment Select Committee

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Major Contracts Task Group	Standing	 Review of re-tendering of the Southern Bus Contract (Sept 2010). Review of Highways Consultancy and Works Contract - Mouchel and Ringway (Oct 2010). Review of Waste Management Service Contract (Nov 2010). 	Allowed contractors to be held to account for the delivery of public services. Areas of poor performance identified and investigated and recommendations for improvement made, as appropriate.
Local Transport Plan Rapid Scrutiny	Jan 2011	Review of the Public Transport, Road Safety and Freight Strategies.	Ensured that Community Area Plans were incorporated where possible and Area Boards were consulted and involved.
Carbon Management Plan	May 2011	Review of the Council's Carbon Management Plan 2010-2014, as the first of four action plans under the Council's Energy, Change and Opportunity (ECO) Strategy.	Monitoring of progress ensured through quarterly reports and suitable milestones and adequate risk rating incorporated.