

Work Programme 2014/2015

(This Work Programme covers Torbay Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board and Health Scrutiny Board.)



The items shown in grey will be considered by the Health Scrutiny Board. Both Boards have also agreed the principle of undertaking overview and scrutiny reviews in different formats and in different venues in order to best engage with the community. Each review will start with a scoping exercise at which point the Board may determine that no further action is required. Equally, both Boards will react to issues as they arise over the course of the year which have not yet been identified.

Topic	Methodology and Evidence	Timescale	Key Lines of Enquiry	Progress
Economic Strategy	Call for evidence (followed by single issue meeting if necessary)	April 2014- June 2014	How well is the Economic Strategy delivering against its objectives?	
Employment Skills and Training	Inquiry Day with Headteachers (and Students?)	April 2014	Follow up from Skills Gap Inquiry Day in November 2013	
Review of Priorities and Resources 2015/2016	Task-and-finish review panel (Priorities and Resources Review Panel)	April 2014 – February 2015	<p>Petition in relation to Supporting People - How is the transition funding working? Are agencies working together to secure services for the future?</p> <p>Are critical projects on target? Are they delivering (or due to deliver) the outcomes which the Council requires? [Care Bill/ICO/Pioneer/Health and Wellbeing Board/Children and Young People Plan/Community Development Trust]</p> <p>What is the feedback from the Needs Assessments for Subsidised Transport and Library Services? Is the process robust? What are the gaps? How can they be filled?</p> <p>Budget Monitoring – How well are savings being delivered? What impact will the underlying budget position have on the budget for 2015/16?</p>	

			<p>In terms of the additional savings to be identified: What does the current service look like and what is the basis for its provision? What are the future requirements of the service? What impact will the Mayor's proposals have on the community of Torbay? [Adult Social Care – Redesign of Services/Redesign of Delivery Model]</p>	
Welfare Reform	Call for evidence (followed by single issue meeting if necessary)	<p>April – May 2014 [21 May 2014]</p>	<p>Follow up report required from Director of Adult Services (Welfare Reform Group) Follow up report to be shared from CAB Welfare Support – Is the Council providing enough support to the community given the underspend on the budget? How does the review of the Connections model fit with welfare reform? Duplication of advice services?</p>	
Registered Social Landlords - Service Standards	Call for evidence (followed by single issue meeting if necessary)	<p>April – June 2014 [18 June 2014]</p>	<p>What levels of service should be expected from Registered Social Landlords? What levels of service are the community receiving? Are services as joined up as they should be?</p>	
Services at the Emergency Department of Torbay Hospital	Information from Healthwatch (followed by a single issue meeting if necessary)	<p>April – June 2014</p>	<p>How does the feedback from patients and users of the Emergency Department match with the information from commissioners and providers? Why do patients choose to use the Department of other alternatives?</p>	
Mental Health and Learning Disability	Visits, briefings, Inquiry Days and Board meetings	<p>May – December 2014</p>	<p>What are the issues in relation to mental health and learning disability services in Torbay? How are we ensuring that prevention and early intervention services are effective? In light of reductions to Supporting People services, how can we help people (back) into</p>	

			<p>work?</p> <p>What are the issues in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Torbay? Will the new system address these issues?</p> <p>What are the alternatives to bed-based care? To long-distance placements?</p> <p>How are we ensuring a joined up approach to mental health services? Between the NHS and local authority? And with other partners?</p>	
Specialised Commissioning – Changes in service provision	Briefing Notes from NHS England (followed by community engagement and Board meetings as necessary)	tbc	<p>What outcomes are we looking to achieve?</p> <p>What's the community based provision currently like? What will it be like in the future?</p> <p>What's the complete care pathway? Is it seamless from the patient's point of view?</p> <p>How are you gaining the views of people who haven't yet needed the service? How do you assess the views of the people and their families who don't survive because of poor outcomes?</p> <p>What's the degree of clinical consensus to the change?</p>	