Scrutiny Programme Monitoring Sheet – 21 December 2011

1. Introduction

Once a scrutiny review is complete, an action plan is developed to ensure the recommendations arising from the review are carried out. As part of its role, the Scrutiny Committee is responsible for monitoring scrutiny review action plans on a regular basis until they are considered complete.

The following scrutiny review action plans are outstanding and will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on the dates set out in the table below for monitoring:

	21 December	**8 February**	**7 March**
Review Monitoring	Whitstable Harbour Board	Local Leisure Facilities	Homelessness

2. Current Scrutiny Review programme

Review:	***Impact of High Speed 1***
Chairman:	Councillor Samper
Panel:	Councillors Dixey, Glover, Waters and Westgate.
Lead Officer:	Dan Hamlin
Administrator:	Nicola Adams
Scope approved:	July 2011
Present position:	Draft final report of the Panel submitted to this meeting.
Expected completion date:	December 2011

Review:	***Homelessness***
Chairman:	Councillor MacCaul
Panel:	Councillors Glover, O'Dea, Sonnex and Waters.
Lead Officer:	Charlotte Hammersley
Administrator:	Jemma Richards
Scope approved:	Scope approved on 21 September
Present position:	Final report approved for implementation by the Executive on 3 November.
Expected completion date:	Completed.

Health Panel:	***East Kent Maternity Services consultation***
Chairman:	Councillor Oakey
Panel:	Councillors Cartwright, Eden-Green, Jeanne Harrison, Howes, MacCaul, Thomas, Windsor and Wood.
Lead Officer:	Charlotte Hammersley
Administrator:	Jemma Richards
Present position:	Consultation response being drafted following meeting held with NHS professionals leading the East Kent Maternity Services Review.
Expected completion date:	January 2012.

3. Future Scrutiny Review programme

The scrutiny review of homelessness has completed and the review of High Speed 1 has been submitted to this meeting. Future scrutiny topics need to be selected for review in 2012. Members of the public are currently being consulted on topics for future review through the winter edition of District Life. The following suggestions have been made by Members:

1) It was agreed at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 19 October that a scrutiny review of how the council engages with communities and the voluntary sector should be commissioned with membership comprising Councillor Cragg (Chairman), S Cook, Glover, MacCaul and a further member.

2) Councillor Simon Cook has requested a review of the Parish Council Concurrent Functions scheme. There was last a review of parish contributions in May 2004 so a short topic review of the process now is timely. The review could potentially include who is eligible, the application process and budget allocations. The review panel and scope could be agreed early in 2012. To fit in with the timetable for the concurrent functions process and other reviews being carried out, the scrutiny review could commence in March 2012.

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