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AGENDA PAPERS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 6 February 2013

Time: 6.30 pm

Place: Rooms 7 and 8, Ground Floor, Quay West, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, Manchester M17 1HH

A G E N D A	PART I	Pages
1. ATTENDANCES		
To note attendances, including Officers, and any apologies for absence.		
2. MINUTES		1 - 4
To receive and, if so determined, to agree as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2012.		
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
Members to give notice of any interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.		
4. RESPONSE TO BUDGET SCRUTINY 2013-14		5 - 16
To receive and note the Executive's response to the Budget Scrutiny exercise for 2013-14.		
Members may wish to note that the Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance will be in attendance.		
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S PEER REVIEW: CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING		17 - 18
To receive and note the scope of the forthcoming LGA Peer Review in respect of children's safeguarding.		

6. UPDATE ON TOPIC GROUPS

To receive an oral update from the Topic Group Chairmen on the progress of the reviews undertaken by the Topic Groups.

7. RESPONSE TO THE COMMITTEE'S LETTER: ESTABLISHMENT OF A COORDINATING EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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To receive, for the Committee's information, a response to the letter requesting that the Executive establish a co-ordinating Executive Member for Domestic Violence arising from the former Community Wellbeing Select Committee's review of the issue in 2011/12. TO FOLLOW

8. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

Any other item or items (not likely to disclose "exempt information") which, by reason of special circumstances (to be specified), the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

9. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)

Motion (Which may be amended as Members think fit):

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and specified on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.

TRAILER

THERESA GRANT

Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors B. Shaw (Chairman), M. Cordingley (Vice-Chairman), C. Candish, R Chilton, Mrs. P. Dixon, A. Duffield, S. Adshead, J.R. Reilly, D. Higgins, J. Lloyd and R. Bowker

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Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday, 6 February 2013

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12th DECEMBER 2012

PRESENT:

Councillor B. Shaw (In the Chair),
Councillors Adshead, Bowker, Candish, Chilton, Cordingley, Mrs. Dixon, Duffield,
Higgins and D. Western.

In Attendance

Senior Democratic Services Officer (J.M.J. Maloney),
Democratic Services Officer (H. Mitchell),
Acting Director of Transformation & Resources (I. Duncan) (part only),
Joint Director of Operations (J. Willmott) (part only),
Customer Development & Support Services Manager (C. Lamb) (part only),
Business Change Manager (S. Gannon) (part only).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Anstee (item 18) and Dr. Blackburn (item 19).

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Reilly and Lloyd (ex officio Member of the Committee).

16. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No such declarations were made to this meeting.

18. COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT AND BENEFIT CHANGES – OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION

The Executive Member for Finance, with supporting officers, was in attendance to introduce, and respond to the Committee's questions in relation to, a draft report to the Executive setting out the outcome of a consultation exercise undertaken regarding options in relation to the proposed Localised Council Tax Benefit Scheme.

The Executive Member emphasised to the Committee that, whilst the Executive currently had a preferred option, the decision had not yet been taken, and any further comments that the Committee might make would be taken into account in preparing final proposals for the Executive's consideration. The committee took the opportunity to discuss with the Executive Member a range of issues including the nature of the consultation exercise and responses received, the rationale behind the determination of preferred options, future communications with those affected, the scope for any further review of adopted system in the light of experience following implementation, and the Council's approach to take-up of the DCLG transitional grant.

Following the withdrawal of the Executive Member, the Committee welcomed what it felt had been a helpful and thorough report, and the opportunity to be involved in the formative stages of the proposals' development. In the context of the wider climate of financial austerity, and in particular forthcoming changes to welfare provision, a number of Members expressed concerns regarding the potential impact on advice and support services; and it was agreed that the committee should request that the Executive ensure, in setting the budget, that such services remained sufficiently robust to enable affected vulnerable residents to navigate through the changed system.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the content of the report, and the responses of the Executive Member, be noted.
- (2) That the Executive be thanked for its provision of a helpful and comprehensive report.
- (3) That that the Executive be requested to ensure, in setting the budget, that advice and support services remain sufficiently robust to enable affected vulnerable residents to navigate through the changed system.

19. PROPOSED MODEL FOR LOCAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE IN TRAFFORD

The Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing and Joint Director of Operations were in attendance to introduce a paper setting out details of the proposed Model for Local Welfare Assistance which would be submitted for the Executive's consideration in the New Year, and seeking any views which the Committee might have in relation to the proposals.

Members were advised that the background to the proposals was the abolition, with effect from 1st April 2013, of the Social Fund as part of the wider welfare reform and localism agendas. An options appraisal had been carried out to identify the most appropriate delivery model for a replacement locally-based system, which would emphasise a range of targeted and signposted interventions, not necessarily involving direct cash payments, as these generally did little to address underlying symptoms of financial difficulty.

An opportunity was provided for Members to raise issues and concerns. These centred on: comparisons of the current with the proposed scheme; identification of common key trigger events / pathways for likely applicants; the availability of clearly-identifiable contact points for information / receipt of applications; the support to be provided to the Council's partners in the scheme's delivery; governance arrangements and risk assessments, including in relation to potential demands on the fund; and information availability for local Members to assist them in advising constituents in relation to the scheme's provisions.

Following the withdrawal of the Executive Members and supporting officers, the Committee reviewed the report and presentation which it had received. Members agreed that they would have welcomed a greater depth of information. It was suggested that further input from the Committee might be desirable, perhaps by means of a topic group; but the envisaged January 2013 decision date for the Executive did not make this feasible. It was agreed that authority be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to summarise the Committee's concerns in a letter to the Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing, to allow the Executive's decision to be informed by the Committee's consideration. It was further agreed that the Committee might wish to consider incorporating a post-implementation review of the scheme into its future work programme.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the content of the Executive's responses, and the observations made by the Committee, be noted.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to summarise the Committee's concerns in a letter to the Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing.
- (3) That in due course consideration be given to incorporating a post-implementation review of the Welfare Assistance scheme into the Committee's future work programme.

20. BUDGET SCRUTINY REPORT

The Committee received for information the draft report which had been prepared following the Scrutiny Committees' recent review of the Executive's budget proposals for 2013/14. Members were advised that, once cleared as agreed by all the Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, the report would be formally referred to the Executive in time for it to be considered by the Executive in taking its decisions on the forthcoming year's budget.

RESOLVED: That the content of the report be noted.

21. REVISED SCRUTINY PROTOCOLS

The Committee received a draft Scrutiny Protocol, developed in the light of recent structural changes, and intended to provide a broad framework and shared approach for stakeholders involved in the exercise of the Scrutiny function. The Committee was invited to provide any feedback it wished and, subject to that, to recommend the protocol to Executive / Council for adoption within the Council's Constitution. The Committee was advised that a protocol covering Health Scrutiny specifically would be similarly referred to the Health Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the content of the report and draft protocol be noted.
- (2) That the Protocol be endorsed for recommendation to the Executive and Council for adoption within the Council's Constitution.

22. UPDATE ON TOPIC GROUP WORK PROGRAMMES

In relation to the Development of a Community Asset Framework, the Committee was informed that a broad-ranging introductory meeting had been held between Topic Group B, the Executive Member and officers. In the light of information received, the Group had identified a number of key workstreams, and determined an initial scope for the project, with potential for further future expansion if that were considered appropriate in due course. A further meeting was envisaged early in the New Year.

On Doorstep Crime in Trafford, the Topic Group had received a briefing from the Head of Public Protection; an officer report on scoping proposals was awaited, and it was envisaged that a meeting would be held in the near future to allow the group to develop the proposals further.

RESOLVED: That the content of the update reports be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and finished at 7.54 p.m.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORTS

Date: 6 February 2013

Committee: Scrutiny Committee/Health Scrutiny Committee

Report Title: Budget Scrutiny 2013/14

Lead Overview and Scrutiny Member: Cllrs Brian Shaw and Judith Lloyd



Executive Member Responsible: All

Ref	Recommendation	Agreed (Y/N)	Planned Action in Response to Recommendations	Timescale for Completion	Responsible Executive Member
1	That the Executive provide Scrutiny Committee with details of any long-term monitoring and evaluation work undertaken in respect of significant budget changes and policy choices in relation to services for children and young people.	Y	<p>CYPS routinely monitors service developments and policy choices through its performance management framework which includes the quarterly reporting to Council Executive of progress against the Annual Delivery Plan.</p> <p>In addition it is proposed to provide an update directly to Scrutiny Committee on a 6 monthly basis covering outcomes for children and young people in Trafford in the context of health, social care, and education. This will allow scrutiny to develop an informed view of the impact any budget changes and policy choices are having on the lives of Trafford children and young people.</p>	Ongoing	Cllr Blackburn Cllr Cornes

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<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 6</p>	<p>That the Executive closely monitor the impact and effectiveness of the proposed increase in the use of volunteers to deliver services such as those in Children’s Centres and Youth Services.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Y</p>	<p>Using volunteers has proved successful in both Hale (27) and Old Trafford (12) libraries. There has been no impact on service delivery as sufficient staff have been retained to support volunteers and deliver other Council services. Should the budget proposals be approved this approach will be extended to all libraries over the next 2 years</p> <p>A strategic approach to volunteering in CYPS is a key objective within the Directorate Improvement Plan and monitored on quarterly basis. The main areas of activity relate to Children’s Centres and Youth Services and an update will be provided to Scrutiny Committee on a 6 monthly basis as referenced above.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Complete and ongoing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Williams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Blackburn</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>That the financial effect of the proposed transition to a more outreach-based approach be rigorously monitored, given its potential to bring to light previously unforeseen need.</p>		<p>CYPS is in the process of implementing its Early Intervention Strategy with outreach based approaches as a key aspect of that strategy. We will regularly monitor service demand, and the impact that has on capacity and budget planning, through our existing finance and performance management regime.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Blackburn</p>

4	That the Executive provide the merger action plan, and whatever details of proposed structures are currently available for the merged CYPS and CWB Directorates, for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee.		<p>The high level project plan and proposed management structure are embedded below. A link to the detailed project plan is available from Deborah Brownlee on request.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  New management structure.ppt </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Transition Plan.doc </div> </div>	31/3/13	Cllr Blackburn Cllr Cornes Cllr Barclay Cllr Young
5	That, in relation to the proposed re-tendering exercises for services such as Supporting People and Public Health, the Executive provide Scrutiny with assurances that tendering models and contract monitoring are robustly designed to protect quality, standards and volume of services specified, and not specifically (DB 26/11) to reduce tender prices.		<p>The re-tender of services will meet the commissioning and procurement requirements which reflect both quality and general efficiencies. The Council subsequently is assured that services subject to tender request value for money whilst encouraging potential service providers to be creative in the delivery of the service to customers in Trafford. The monitoring applied to services following an award of the contract is robust based on an embedded market management approach.</p>	Complete	Cllr M Young Cllr K Barclay
6	That the Executive provide for Scrutiny further analysis of the proposed savings within Supporting People, Housing Services (Proposal CWB16), and in particular of the acknowledged “significant reduction in service provision”.		<p>A full market review of supporting people services was carried out prior to the proposals being formulated. Providers and other stakeholders were fully involved in the review. The social inclusion housing services element of the review was led by Richard Roe the Council’s Strategic Housing Manager, this ensured that the review focused on how best to maintain and improve essential statutory housing services. The review provided the evidence base from which the savings proposals were developed. The full market</p>	Complete	Cllr M Young

		<p>review is available if further information is required. A comprehensive impact assessment is being prepared and will be completed on the 14th Jan, this will provide further analysis and will identify possible impacts and how these will be mitigated.</p> <p>The detailed proposals are:</p> <p>Short stay supported accommodation We propose that there would be a new single service providing short stay supported accommodation. We would tender for this new service. We could reduce costs by £129,000 from April 2013.</p> <p>Floating support service We propose to review the floating support service funded through Supporting People We could reduce costs by £135,000 from April 2013 and £35,000 from April 2014.</p> <p>Services for victims of domestic violence We propose to re-tender the service. The new service would begin in April 2013. We could reduce costs by £10,000 from April 2013.</p> <p>Sheltered housing We propose to end the Supporting People contribution towards the scheme manager role at sheltered housing from April 2013.</p>		
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We could reduce costs by £338,000 from April 2013.

Community Alarm Service (Category One)

We propose to continue contributing to the community alarm service for Category One and sheltered properties throughout 2013/14. This contribution will end from April 2014. The community alarm service at both sheltered housing and Category One will be integrated into the telecare service. Access to the service would be linked to a needs assessment completed by adult social care, rather than type of accommodation. We could reduce costs by £231,000 from April 2014.

Home improvement brokerage

The pilot home improvement brokerage service comes to an end in March 2013. We propose not to re-tender this service. We could reduce costs by £50,000 from April 2013.

Support for young people

Supporting People funded services for young people will be retendered by Children and Young People's Services within Trafford Council. The service would focus on young people aged 16 to 19 years and those for whom the Council has a statutory responsibilities. We could reduce costs by £128,000 from April 2013.

<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 10</p>	<p>That the Executive give further consideration to the potential impact of proposed savings in Information and Advice Services, particularly in view of the nature of the wider financial climate and envisaged demand increases arising from various aspects of welfare reform proposals.</p>		<p>The Information and Advice Review is based on a partnership approach to the future development of information and advice services in Trafford. This collaborative approach enhances the opportunity to determine how services can be delivered in a more efficient way, whilst at the same time respond to the anticipated demand increases arising from various aspects of the welfare reform proposals in the near future. The partner organisations have responded in an extremely positive way to date and are presenting innovative and creative options for consideration as part of the review process. The review will report in January.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 2013</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr M Young</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>That the Executive assure itself about the deliverability of savings associated with the HR staffing review.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Y</p>	<p>The savings are deliverable albeit that they will have an impact on Managers who will have to be equipped to deal effectively with first level disciplinary, sickness, grievance type issues. HR staff will only have the capacity to support serious cases. Training will be restricted to statutory/mandatory and will be delivered primarily from the AGMA hub contract. Workforce development will be prioritised to support the changing shape of the organisation and the pace and level of change required. Opportunities to generate income could be impacted by these further reductions, this needs to be balanced against the benefits of</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Williams</p>

			additional income supporting the retention of staff. The impact of changes will be monitored.		
9	That the Executive ensure that it has the capacity to identify and deliver transformational change programmes including ensuring that the benefits associated with cross authority working are realised.		The final proposed structure for the Transformation Team presents a reduction of 10 FTE (including 2 vacancies). However, the LTA project will conclude in the Spring of 2013, releasing 4 FTE to undertake alternative transformation project activity. In addition, the programme of activity for the Transformation Team will continue to be approved/monitored by the Transformation Board and prioritised to ensure the resources in the team are utilised to the best effect to achieve the change and benefits realisation needed. To support this, director level representatives from each directorate will be guiding the review & development of the Transformation Programme for 2013/14 to ensure the team is deployed most effectively, in consideration of their support requirements and priorities.	The new structure will be in effect from 1/4/13	Cllr Williams
10	That whatever the response to the consultation on the future of library provision, the Executive undertake to maximise, wherever possible, availability of IT access in libraries for the Borough's residents.	Y	Providing public access to the internet through the Peoples Network is a statutory requirement and we provide 30 minutes free access per day in all libraries. This is supported by Age UK providing formal training in some libraries and staff supporting residents who want to use the internet or access Council services on-line. Library staff are currently helping residents without internet access to apply for the energy switching scheme.	Complete and ongoing	Cllr Williams

<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>That the Executive ensure that impact of the savings associated with the dissolution of the Mersey Valley Partnership are fully identified and review whether the proposals are manageable given the time constraints.</p>		<p>The Mersey Valley Partnership funding does not pay for any maintenance provided by Manchester City Council.</p> <p>The maintenance of the Mersey Valley is based on historical knowledge and is of a reactive nature. A small team of Trafford Council employees carry this work whilst monitoring the space.</p> <p>We will continue to work cohesively with all stakeholders to maintain the spirit of collaboration. There are a number of proposals being currently considered to manage the space in the future. These will be shared with Members when they are finalised.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Mitchell/ Cllr Coupe</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p>That the Executive should ensure that its approach to the collection of food waste and the level of savings expected from the change in approach to its collection is realistic and achievable.</p>		<p>The approach to food waste collections was detailed in the Executive report dated 26th November and the supplemental report of the same date. It is based on the following collection pattern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Bin – the green bin for food and garden waste is currently collected every fortnight and this will change to a weekly collection. • Grey Bin – the grey bin for general refuse is currently collected every week and this will change to a fortnightly collection. • All properties will be provided with 	<p style="text-align: center;">Completed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Mitchell</p>

			<p>a 7 litre kitchen caddy and a roll of compostable liners to assist residents in recycling their food waste.</p> <p>While the above collection service will be available to all properties, there are a number of bespoke arrangements for particular property types and household circumstance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terraced properties – if they are unsuitable for a green bin e.g. due to space limitations, will be provided with a 23 litre outdoor caddy in place of a green bin.• Apartments/Flats - Communal green bins will be provided to all apartment/flat complexes prior to the commencement of the weekly food waste collection service.• Large Families - Families with five or more permanent residents in the property will be entitled to a larger 240L grey bin.• Residents with medical conditions - Residents who have medical conditions causing them to generate waste which cannot be recycled will be entitled to a larger 240L grey bin. <p>The financial savings have been established</p>		
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		<p>based on experience from Stockport Council of operating the same frequency of food/garden and non-recyclable waste collections as are being outlined in this proposal. The Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority has estimated that 50% of the typical grey bin in Trafford is organic (food/garden) waste. The Council currently collects approximately 38,000 tonnes of waste in the grey bin and from this proposal it is estimated that the tonnage will reduce by 9700 tonnes. These tonnage figures, along with tonnage data for the existing waste collection service have been sent to the Waste Disposal Authority and the difference between the 'as is' service and the proposal for weekly food/garden and fortnightly non-recyclable waste is the basis for the savings proposal of over £1 million per annum put forward.</p>		
13	<p>That the Executive provide further details on the impact of the new initiative in respect of parks maintenance, in particular, whether differential standards would apply to different parks, or within different areas of parks.</p>	<p>The current proposed changes within the Groundforce Structure are focused on improving productivity by 15% and better deployment of our workforce and resources.</p> <p>It is being proposed that the Groundforce workforce is reduced by 10 posts. As Ground force covers both parks and street cleaning officers are confident that this proposal can be mitigated by more efficient delivery.</p> <p>This will deliver improved cost effective outcomes that will enable us to meet on our</p>	Ongoing	Cllr Mitchell

			<p>savings target whilst ensuring that our current standards are maintained in within our Green spaces in the 2013/2014 programme.</p> <p>A small number of parks are maintained to Green flag standard.</p> <p>Our initiative does not seek to reduce standards that our customers experience though there will be some operational changes to ensure cost effective and coherent delivery.</p>		
<p>Page 15</p> <p>14</p>	<p>That Executive provide assurance that the streetscene in Trafford Park will be maintained to ensure that it remains an attractive area to all businesses in the area. They should also ensure that their approach to ensuring this should involve the use of all available methods including, where possible planning and enforcement functions.</p>		<p>We will continue to maintain the Street scene within Trafford Park to the agreed standards that we currently operate to.</p> <p>Following the recent transfer of the enforcement function to ETO, Groundforce and other functions within the business are working more closely to establish synergies that will lead to more cost effective outcomes.</p> <p>This approach will enable the reduction of fly tipping and other anti-social activities across the borough.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Cllr Mitchell</p>

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Local Government Association Safeguarding Children Peer Review 4 – 8 February 2013

Improving safeguarding of children in Trafford Council

Professor Eileen Munro's review of child protection has endorsed peer review as an approach that promotes learning from a sector-led improvement perspective. We are constantly striving to improve outcomes for children and young people in Trafford Council but an external and independent view can help to accelerate or consolidate progress. To this end the council and its partners have invited a visit from a Local Government Association (Peer Support Team) peer review team. Peer Support Team is the peer delivery arm of the Local Government Association. The Safeguarding Children peer review programme is part of a sector-led approach in which local government takes responsibility for its own improvement.

Safeguarding Children Peer Review

The peer team has been invited by Council's Children's Services to conduct a tailored review of local safeguarding children services. The review is not an inspection-rather it is a supportive but challenging 'critical friend' approach to assist councils and their partners in celebrating their strengths and identifying their own areas for improvement. The key purpose of the review is to stimulate local discussion about how the council and its partners can become more effective in delivering improved safe outcomes for children and young people. All members of the team are knowledgeable about, and experienced in, children's services and/or local government. However, in order for the team to be able to effectively evaluate our strength and areas for development they will need our full co-operation.

The Peer Review Team

The team consists of senior staff and a councillor from other authorities:-

- Team Leader
- Member peer
- Officer peer
- Health peer
- Analyst peer
- Other sector specialists where agreed
- Review Manager

The Approach

This peer review is based on the Safeguarding Children peer review framework revised from September 2012. The themes the peer review team structure their questioning around are:

- Effective practice, service delivery and voice of the child
- Outcomes, impact and performance
- Working together
- Capacity and managing resources

- Vision, strategy and leadership.

The work

Some work will be undertaken prior to the team's visit. The peer review team will study documents, policies and performance information. This will include questionnaires completed by frontline staff in the council and from partner agencies. A case mapping exercise will be undertaken challenging the success and challenges of inter-agency collaborative work in safeguarding cases.

The team will then come to Trafford Council for a week. The process begins with a meeting of senior managers from partner agencies, the review team will talk to a cross-section of senior officers, elected members, partners and front line staff. This on-site work is a key aspect of the peer review process and those interviewed are encouraged to be as open and honest as possible. All information provided will be treated by the review team as non attributable.

The team will feed back their observations and recommendations/findings from all the elements of the peer review at the end of the site visit and facilitate a workshop around its findings. This will be followed a few weeks later by written feedback that the council will have the opportunity to consider.

When

The review team will come to Trafford Council on 4-8 February 2013 with a lead in of 12 weeks to enable preparation and to develop the timetable for the on-site visit.

Relationship with Ofsted Inspection

The Children's Improvement Board Safeguarding Lead notifies Ofsted of the planned review in order that Ofsted inspection does not coincide with the peer review.

Role of Partner Agencies

The review is a real opportunity for candid feedback on how we work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It is important that staff are able to speak freely about their experience of their own agency areas of strength and those in need of development as well as to comment on the effectiveness of interagency working. Operational and senior staff will be invited to take part and it is vital that they are enabled to do so.

How to contact us

If you would like more information or the opportunity to speak to the team, please contact:

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Dear Councillors Shaw and Cordingley

**Executive Response: Establishment of a Co-ordinating Executive
Member for Domestic Violence**

Thank you for your letter dated 6th November. I am writing to let you know that following discussions with the Leader, I will be co-ordinating our response to the Domestic Violence Review.

Each Executive Member will continue to be responsible for delivery of the recommendations which fall within their own portfolio. However I will be working to ensure that there is co-ordination between portfolios.

I am meeting with the Chair of Scrutiny shortly to look again at the recommendations within the report. There is a feeling that the number of recommendations is unwieldy. We need to focus on those which will bring the greatest benefit and which are achievable within current resources.

I look forward to attending Scrutiny Committee in due course to update the Committee on the progress made towards achieving the recommendations made within the report.

Yours sincerely

Karen Barclay

Cllr Dr Karen Barclay
Councillor for Bowdon Ward
Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing
Trafford Council

