


THE SCRUTINY BULLETIN

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The Council's five Scrutiny Panels are the Council's main way of holding the Council's Cabinet and senior officers to account for the policies they adopt and the way that services are run for the people of Calderdale. They also have an important role in taking a broader look at issues that are important to Calderdale people and for making recommendations to Cabinet or to other organisations about those issues. This newsletter tells you what the Panels plan to do in January and February and some of the results of their work in December.

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What happened in March?

Attendance Management Detailed Scrutiny review	Use of Resources Scrutiny Panel agreed the report on Attendance Management prepared by a sub-group of Councillors and forwarded their recommendations to Cabinet.
On-Street Parking	The Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel examined issues about on-street parking in the Borough. The Panel received evidence from Halifax Society for the Blind and others who have been directly impacted by on-street parking and made a number of recommendations to Cabinet asking for an educational and awareness campaign to be undertaken.

What's coming up in April?

Adults Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel Chair – Cllr Malcolm James	Tuesday 5 April, 6.00pm, Town Hall, Halifax
Todmorden Health Centre	The Panel will consider issues about the "Vanguard" scheme based in the Upper Calder Valley, proposed changes to services at Todmorden Health Centre and urgent care services.
Art Therapy Service	The future of the art therapy service run by South and West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is under doubt and Councillors have asked for a discussion about this. As well as hearing from the Trust, service users will be present and give their views.
Parity of Esteem for Mental Health	The Scrutiny panel will consider whether it wishes to undertake a detailed piece of work later in the year about mental health and what the scope of that work might be.

<p>Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Joint Chairs: Cllr Malcolm James (Calderdale) and Cllr Liz Smaje (Kirklees)</p>	<p>Wednesday 6 April, 3.30pm, Town Hall, Halifax Tuesday 19 April, 3.30pm, Town Hall, Halifax</p>
<p>Hospital Reconfiguration—Planned services, maternity services, paediatric services, diagnostics</p> <p>Hospital Reconfiguration - Patient accessibility . Patient flows to include impact on surrounding acute trusts</p>	<p>The meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on 9 March will consider the clinical, workforce and financial case for change made by Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Groups The meeting on 22 March will consider the proposal to establish a specialist hospital for emergency and acute care.</p>
<p>Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel Chair – Cllr James Baker</p>	<p>Thursday 7th April, 6.00pm, Town Hall, Halifax</p>
<p>Highways matters: Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and updates on pothole repairs and white lining road markings</p>	<p>To have an overview of the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and make comments thereon; and to receive oral updates on the progress of pothole repairs in the Borough and what progress is being made on the white lining road markings contract.</p>
<p>Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel Chair – Cllr John Ford</p>	<p>Wednesday 13th April, 6.00pm, Town Hall, Halifax</p>
<p>Update on Children and Adolescents Mental Health Services (CAMHS)</p>	<p>An update on progress against CAMHS targets and also the new Local Transformational Plan</p>
<p>0-5 year olds and our Public Health Duty</p>	<p>This is an update following a previous scrutiny report, and will include information from the latest electronic Health Needs Assessment.</p>
<p>Communities Scrutiny Panel Chair: Cllr Marcus Thompson</p>	<p>Thursday 14th April, 6.00pm, Town Hall, Halifax</p>
<p>Library Services</p>	<p>This item will look at the outcome of the recent Peer Review of Library Services in Calderdale</p>
<p>Halifax Crown Post Office</p>	<p>The panel will consider a petition which has been raised opposing the reported closure of the Crown Post Office in Halifax</p>
<p>Wild Flowers and Weed Control</p>	<p>Scrutiny made a number of recommendations on this issue following a detailed review earlier in the year. Officers will update on progress.</p>

Use of Resources Scrutiny Panel Chair: Cllr Rob Holden	Wednesday 20 April, 6.00pm, Town Hall, Halifax
The future role and function of Halifax Town Hall	The Panel will consider a report and be asked to comment on proposals for the future role and function of Halifax Town hall.
Corporate Assets and Facilities Management (CAFM) - update on progress	The Panel will be asked to comment on a 6 monthly update it receives from CAFM on the progress and challenges of its transformational programme.
Cross-cutting theme—budget savings—subsidised services	The Council needs to identify budget savings from subsidised services. On a quarterly basis, it receives a report from the Head of Finance and will respond to areas of progress made and challenges identified.