

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN:

INFRASTRUCTURE

Report of
Chairman:

**COUNCILLOR
MRS RUTHERFORD**

By the time of the Council meeting on 30 April there will have been a further two meetings of this committee since the last Chairman's report. Both were normal scheduled meetings. There has been one additional special meeting but no call-ins.

This committee has been involved with the Concessionary Fares Best Value Review and has just started the Best Value Review into Regeneration. Work related to Dog Fouling and the relationship between Capita /City Council /County Council is ongoing. As Best Value reviews will form a large part of Overview and Scrutiny work load I have asked for further training from an Overview and Scrutiny perspective to be given as soon as possible. Whilst obviously geared to Members of the 3 Overview and Scrutiny Committees I would hope that all Members would find it useful and be able to take part.

New ways of working to try to make the Overview and Scrutiny Committees work more as a team are being tried. Having a COMMITTEE briefing for all Members instead of group meetings is one that is being tried. The review workshop in February aired several points for concern and made suggestions for improvement. It is however difficult for both Members and Officers not to fall into the habit of just having the old committee structure under another name, particularly when that is the one you have been familiar with for a number of years.

All Members have been asked to contribute to making suggestions for areas of work that Overview and Scrutiny Committees could undertake in the new municipal year. I would welcome Members input. I would also encourage any Member to raise with me any concerns they may have with any item(s) on the Infrastructure Agenda.

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