

REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEM



	Title of Work Programme Item	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Draft Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15
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4	Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Peter Smith, Deputy Leader
5	Objectives	Safeguard the community by ensuring that the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service's budget reductions to the city are minimal.
6	Who will benefit?	The community by ensuring residents live in a safe city
7	Criteria for Choosing Topics (see table at end of document)	Value for Communities
8	What will happen if we don't do this review?	Plymouth will not have participated in a major consultation exercise the outcome of which would impact on vital services delivered by the city.
9	What are we going to do?	Engage in a Task and Finish Group
10	How are we going to do it? (witnesses, site visits, background information etc.)	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Draft Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15 Witness sessions (representatives from the Dockyard, DSFRS trade union, Plymouth Community Homes and Plymouth Community Healthcare) Representations from city's MPs
11	What we won't do	The Group will not consider any issues outside the scope of the DSFRS draft plan 2013/14 to 2014/15

12	Timetable & Key Dates	Task and Finish Group meeting(s) March/April 2013 Cabinet Member approval mid April 2013 Submission of recommendations to DSFRS by 22 April 2013
13	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	Corporate Plan 2012-2015
14	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel / Membership if Task and Finish Group (to be decided by OSP before submission to OMB)	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
15	Where will the report go? Who will make the final decision	The recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be submitted to the Deputy Leader for approval, subject to which this will be forwarded to the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority.
16	Resources (staffing, research, experts, sites visits and so on)	Staffing from across several departments (Emergency Planning and Safer Communities) Witnesses
17	Is this part of a statutory responsibility on the panel?	Although this is not a statutory role of the Board, it forms part of the Board's terms of reference to scrutinise partners' budgets as part of the Annual Budget Scrutiny process
18	Should any other panel be involved in this review? If so who and why?	No – the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board comprises of Members who represent the five scrutiny panels
19	Will the task and finish group benefit from co-opting any person(s) onto the panel.	None identified at this time
20	How does this link to corporate priorities?	Supports Value for Communities

Criteria for review

(Items would be expected to meet at least two of the following criteria)

- Corporate priority area
- Poor performing service (evidence from PIs, benchmarking or where high levels of dissatisfaction from customers are recorded)
- High budgetary commitment
- Pattern of not reaching budget targets
- Issue raised by external audit, management letter, inspection report
- New government guidance or legislation
- Issue consistently identified by Members as key through constituency activity
- Public interest issue covered in local media