

AC9. LOCAL SCRUTINY PLAN 2016/17

The committee considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting the Local Area Network's Local Scrutiny Plan for 2016/17.

The Local Area Network, led by Audit Scotland, and consisting of Audit Scotland, the Scottish Housing Regulator, Education Scotland, the Care Inspectorate and Healthcare improvement Scotland had finalised its Local Scrutiny Plan for 2016/17 for Falkirk. The plan included:-

- a Care Inspectorate to review the services delivered by Drug and Alcohol partnerships including the Falkirk Partnership.
- follow up work on progress made to improvement areas following the Best Value and Community Planning Audit – fieldwork in May /June with published report in August 2016;
- a national review of housing benefit risk will take place in 16/17 but would not affect Falkirk until the end of 16/17 if at all;
- a validated self-assessment for Educational Psychology Services between August – December 2016;
- Education Scotland would carry out a review of quality of careers information and advice and guidance services delivered by Skills Development Scotland in October 2016;
- the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) would monitor the areas of service it noted as needing improvement with reports being submitted on a regular basis to the regulator; and
- in addition the SHR would identify topics for theme studies including the review of charter data submitted by landlords.

Decision

The committee agreed to note the report.