

Action Monitor Schedule

Title: Improvement Board
Date: Tuesday, 17 January 2012
Venue: Local Government House

Item	Action	Progress
1	Improvement Board - Priorities for 2012/13 Officers to collate and circulate Members' comments regarding the priorities in the Business Plan, prior to feeding the Board's views into the Leadership Board to inform the final Business Plan.	Board Members were provided the opportunity to input their views on draft Business Plan.
2	Future Arrangements for Audit Officers to draft a statement, for Members' approval setting out the Board's position on the future of local public audit.	A letter from the Chair of the Board to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government was approved at the Improvement Board Lead Members' meeting. The letter was on despatched on 8 February. An update report is included in the March agenda papers.
4.	Update on Transparency and Open Data Measures Officers to include a reference to Department for Work and Pensions in paragraph 10.1 of the work plan.	Amendment included in paragraph 10.1 of the work plan.
5.	Sector Led Improvement - Confidential Officers to work with the Chief Executive and Leader of Thurrock Council to help promote Thurrock Council's positive improvement story within the sector. Officers to engage different regional representatives on the proposed approach for addressing, detecting and preventing potential failure.	Case Study appeared in First on 25 February. Part of Principal Advisers' on-going work in "their" regions.

Officers to monitor the Peer Challenge programme and invite speakers, as appropriate, from different councils to report to the Board on their improvement experience.

An officer from the South Africa Peer Team is attending the March Board meeting and other opportunities will be looked at on an on-going basis.

9. Productivity Programme – Better with Less - Update

To answer Councillor Shortland query regarding cross-national joint working on the troubled families work programme.

Response sent to Councillor Shortland on 16 February.

To circulate information on Swindon Council's experiences of tackling troubled families.

Information on 'The Swindon Life Programme' emailed to Members with the March Board agenda papers.