

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission Work Programme</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	2 December 2014

**Purpose of Report:** To receive, agree and prioritise the Work Programme of the Commission.

**Recommended Action:** To consider the current, proposed and future items for scrutiny.

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out a suggestion for a topic to be considered for scrutiny and the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission. The work programme is shown at Appendix A.

## 2. Proposal for scrutiny – maternity cover for West Berkshire’s residents

- 2.1 The 9 October 2014 edition of the Newbury Weekly News carried an article telling that during August 2014 the maternity unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital had closed six times due to staff shortages. The maternity unit provides both pre- and post-natal services.

- 2.2 In order to understand the implications for the residents of West Berkshire, it is proposed that the Commission conducts a review into the operation of the Royal Berkshire Hospital’s maternity unit and in particular

- (1) To gain an understanding of the services provided by the unit
- (2) The staffing levels that are required for safe operation
- (3) The specific causes of the August closures
- (4) The remedial measures that have been taken to avoid any recurrence
- (5) To make recommendations as required.

- 2.3 The review would be undertaken by the full Commission at a scheduled meeting.

## 3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Commission considers the current, proposed and future items for scrutiny.

## Appendices

Appendix A – Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission Work Programme.