



# SCRUTINY 2015/16

## Scrutiny is ...

- A critical friend to decision makers
- A means to hold the Cabinet to account for the decisions it is making
- A sounding board when proposals are being developed

## Why is Scrutiny important?

- It is an important part of transparent decision making - a check and balance - that leaves the party politics at the door
- It provides a fresh pair of eyes on issues of major concern
- It is one way of making sure the views of local people are considered
- It can help improve the decisions which are made

## Focus so far ...

- Progress on the Council's **strategic priorities** for example health and wellbeing, economic resilience, early intervention and prevention
- **Statutory Scrutiny** work including flood risk management and crime and disorder
- **Pre-Scrutiny** considering proposals and influencing decisions before they are taken i.e. Housing Futures and the future of waste services
- Health and social care **issues, including** the work of statutory Joint Health Scrutiny Committees to look at proposals for local health services

## Just some of what's coming up ...

- Considering the consultation around Calderdale and Huddersfield health services
- Looking at early intervention and prevention work in children's services
- Councillor training, for example 'Scrutiny how we do it round here'
- Considering reports on key areas of work such as the Post 16 Education Area Review
- Planning the next 12 months of Scrutiny

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