



**Performance & Finance Select
Committee
24th June 2008**

**Report from the Director of
Policy & Regeneration**

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Performance & Finance Select Committee Work Programme

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out options for the Performance & Finance Select Committee work programme for 2009/10

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members of the Committee discuss and agree items for the Committee's work programme for 2009/10

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 A well planned work programme is a critical component of a successful overview & scrutiny function. A programme of carefully selected topics can help engage the public, connect with the council's priorities, community concerns, and has the potential to add value to the work of the council. It is therefore important that this committee's work programme is developed and agreed by its Members.
- 3.2 The committee can choose to scrutinise different subject areas in different ways depending on the subject size and the depth of investigation required. This can be done as in depth task groups, issue specific meetings, or short discrete agenda items. In all cases the Performance & Finance Select Committee has the power to require the attendance of the council's Executive and officers to answer questions at their meetings. The Local Government and Improvement in Health Act 2007 will, when it comes into force, also allow overview & scrutiny committees to require information from 'relevant partner organisations'.

3.3 It is possible that the committee will have more subject areas than it would like to consider than time and resources available. To help prioritise the committee should consider the following criteria:

- Whether overview & scrutiny develop an effective outcome / impact
- Degree of fit with corporate or community strategy priorities
- Public concern
- Stakeholder or partner concern
- Scope for efficiency gains
- Is there any duplication with other work?
- Timing & resources

3.4 To assist the development of a work programme for 2009/10 a number of suggestions are set out in appendix A. Some of the items follow up on previous work or are requests made by the committee during the last municipal year. Others are items that are likely to be of interest to the committee over the next municipal year.

3.5 The Performance & Finance Select Committee should spend time at the meeting on 24th June to discussing the items listed in appendix A, and deciding which to include in the work programme and which to disregard. Members also need to keep some space in the work programme because issues will inevitably arise during the course of the year that require scrutiny by the Performance & Finance Select Committee.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 None

Background Papers

None

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