



**Budget Panel**  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2006

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

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Work Programming for the Budget Panel 2006/07**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This item sets out a draft work programme for the Budget Panel for the municipal year 2006/07. The current proposals have been informed by discussions between the Chair of the Budget Panel and Senior Officers.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the proposals and agree a work programme for the coming year.

**3.0 Context**

- 3.1 The Council's new Budget Scrutiny process was agreed by Full Council on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The aim of the revised process is to give Members an opportunity to scrutinise the draft budget through every stage of its development and write a report on the findings to inform the Executive's final budget proposals.
- 3.2 To support Members in this process a training session was arranged for the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006. All Members have received copies of the presentation and supporting documents following the event. Information from the training session will also help to inform discussions on developing the work programme.
- 3.3 As part of the budget scrutiny process the Panel will adopt investigative methods in order to understand the issues. Members may therefore wish to consider;

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- Identifying appropriate witnesses to call to meetings to provide supporting information.
- Looking at what evidence might be required for each area the Panel considers.

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