Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Suggestions for Work Programme 2006/7

Date	Issue	Detail	Outcome
19th October 2006	Introduction to overview and Scrutiny	Presentation setting out the general principles of overview and scrutiny and the structure in Brent	• Outline the importance of overview and scrutiny for the council
	Work programming	Menu of topics for possible scrutiny task groups.	• Select and prioritise task groups for 2006/7
14th December 2006	Waste Contract		
	Allocations & Nominations	Brent operates a choice based letting system, which has at times attracted criticism from both residents and members. How the system operates now need to be reviewed. Members are asked to provide proposals for how a new system could work for Brent residents and how we could achieve equality for each borough in sub regional lettings and allocations	• Proposals for the review of choice based lettings and allocations system
	Overview and Scrutiny Task group activity	Update from the current task groups	• to comment on emerging findings

| 8th February 2007 | Review the Online Consultation Pilot | The consultation team acquired SNAP on-line consultation software in early 2004 as part of a WLA e.govt project. More recently we have developed 'Consultation Tracker' our on-line consultation database. We have also, (this year), recruited another Citizens' Panel.

Although we have completed ten on-line consultations, we recognise that SNAP has a number of inherent problems that we have been unable to resolve.

Many local authorities have gone for an overall IT solution and we have been looking at a number of suppliers. We were awarded some money from the CE's Performance Fund and we are likely to purchase an external software solution called Citizen Space Local. This service would enable us to link:

• More effective on-line consultations
• A more interactive database of consultation
• Continuous on-line recruitment for the Citizens' Panel
• The creation of a separate e-consultation panel for Brent.

We only have money for this for one year - so the fundamental aspect of this pilot project is will it prove its worth and attract future mainstream funding? | • Review of pilot and how it is functioning
• Identify opportunities for further development
• Make recommendations on mainstreaming this aspect of Brent's consultation programme |

	Overview and Scrutiny Task group activity	Update from the current task groups	• to comment on emerging findings
		Chairs update report's overview and scrutiny sub committees and the children and families committee	• identify any overlaps in work programmes and comment on current activities
17th April 2007	Older Persons Housing Strategy	The Older Persons Housing Strategy needs to be reviewed. Particular issues that need to be addressed are: • How it links to the care agenda • How it links with the corporate older peoples strategy • Aging population – older people in owner occupation with property in poor condition. Asses rich and cash poor	• Recommendations on how to link the strategy with health and community care. • What is the right kind and level of provision • How provision can be funded
	Overview and Scrutiny Task groups	Final reports from task groups	• Make final comments on task group report

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