



Overview & Scrutiny Committee 30th May 2007

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to update the Committees work programme.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That additions identified by the Overview & Scrutiny Committees be timetabled into the committees work programme.

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 topic can help engage the public, connect with the council's priorities, community concerns, and will have 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.
- 3.3 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 meeting, or short discrete agenda items. In all cases the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has the ability to request information and call witnesses.

3.4 It is possible that the committee will have more subject areas that it would like to consider than time and resources available. The committee may consider developing criteria for prioritisation. Criteria could include:

- 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

3.5 At its meeting on 14th December the committee discussed the corporate strategy and identified subjects it would like to investigate further. The committee has since agreed two new task groups.

3.6 As this is the first meeting of the new municipal year members of the committee may wish to review the work programme and recommend additional items for timetabling.

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

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