

**Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2006/7**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Proposed Outcome</b>	<b>Evidence Requested</b>
<b>May 2007</b>	<b>Voluntary Sector Funding Task Group Report</b>			
<b>May 2007</b>	<b>Tourism Task Group Report</b>			
<b>May 2007</b>	<b>tPCT Turnaround Task Group referral</b>	The tPCT Turnaround task group recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny committee examines the impact of the plan and its handling, on future partnership working. At the last meeting the O & S committee asked for a list of issues that highlight areas of legitimate concern for the committee to consider		
<b>July 2007</b>	<b>Housing Diversity Strategy</b>	<p>This item will be looked at in the context of the Councils overall equalities policy.</p> <p>The Housing Diversity Strategy needs to be reviewed, updated and broadened to encompass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations for improved links with wider council policy/activity, especially within community care.</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>	

		more than ethnicity (e.g. to address issues around disability, age, gender).	for improved access to services across the range of target groups	
<b>July 2007</b>	<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Annual report</b>	An annual report is produced at the end of each municipal year that sets out the work of all of the committees in the overview & scrutiny structure.	As the committee responsible for co-ordinating the councils scrutiny functions the committee could amend / agree the report	
<b>July 2007</b>	<b>Annual Report on the work of the Local Area Agreement and the Local Strategic Partnership</b>	The O & S committee agreed on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2006 that an annual report from the LSP should be incorporated in to the work programme	Members could identify areas for more detailed scrutiny.	
<b>July 2007</b>	<b>Referral from Private Sector Housing Forum</b>	The Private Sector Housing Forum asked that Overview & Scrutiny be asked to receive a report on the issue of licensing houses in multiple occupation. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> April that this should be brought to a future meeting		
<b>September 2007</b>	<b>Review the Online Consultation Pilot</b>	The consultation team acquired SNAP on-line consultation software in early 2004 as part of a West London Alliance e.govt project. More recently we have developed 'Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of pilot and how it is functioning</li> <li>• Identify opportunities for further development</li> </ul>	

		<p>Tracker' our on-line consultation database. We have also, (this year), recruited another Citizens' Panel.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Chief Executives Performance Fund and we are likely to purchase an external software solution called Citizen Space Local. This service would enable us to link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More effective on-line consultations</li> <li>• A more interactive database of consultation</li> <li>• Continuous on-line recruitment for the Citizens' Panel</li> <li>• The creation of a separate e.consultation panel for Brent.</li> </ul> <p>Funding only exists for one year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make recommendations on mainstreaming this aspect of Brent's consultation programme</li> </ul>	
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		- so the fundamental aspect of this pilot project is will it prove its worth and attract future mainstream funding?		
<b>September 2007</b>	<b>Future of Customer Contact</b>	The Executive has agreed proposals on how our customers contact can be improved. The aims of this review are to modernise existing customer contact arrangements through the use of new technology and sharing accommodation with other services in particular the library service.	The Overview & Scrutiny Committee could monitor the implementation of the proposal, to ensure that they are delivering more efficient, effective customer contact facilities & longer term processes.	
<b>September 2007</b>	<b>IT Services – IT strategy 2006-2010</b>	A new IT Strategy for 2006 - 2010 was agreed by the Executive in January 2007. Modernising the council's IT systems is key to delivering better more efficient services to our local community. This is true of both the inward facing functions and the external functions such as services for public access and members for instance.	At its meeting in February 2006 this committee received a presentation from the Head of IT which provided an overview of the strategy, and action plan for implementation. The committee recommended that its comments on the action plan and implementation be taken on board and that the Head of IT provides an update at a future meeting	Presentation from Director of IT

<b>October 2007</b>	<b>Town Centre Regeneration Task Group</b>	Chair's verbal update	Comment on progress and findings to date	
<b>October 2007</b>	<b>Increasing Participation in Sports through Sports Clubs in Brent</b>	Chair's verbal update	Comment on progress and findings to date	
<b>Late 2007</b>	<b>Older Peoples Housing Strategy</b>	Review and update of strategy with particular reference to links with care agenda and corporate initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations for improved links with community care</li> <li>• Recommendations for improved provision</li> <li>• Recommendations for improved funding</li> </ul>	
<b>Late 2007</b>	<b>Library Services</b>	The Corporate Strategy 2006 - 10 identifies modernising the provision of libraries in Brent to reflect the information and leisure needs of a diverse, urban community as a priority. It emphasises the use of new information technology to provide an integrated approach to customer services. A draft Library strategy is currently being prepared for the Executive to be agreed early in the new year.	The Committee could review how the Library Strategy is being implemented and consider whether or not it is be able to deliver on the outcomes identified in the corporate strategy.	