

AGENDA ITEM: 9

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

12 JULY 2005

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2005 - 06

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To ensure Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board have the opportunity to consider the future work programme of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board gives consideration to the future work programme of the Board and provides an initial indication of areas for future examination.

FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

3. The agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Board has been increasing steadily over the last eighteen months. The integration of the Resources and Audit Scrutiny Panel with the increase in monitoring of recommendations and addressing the Executive Forward Work Plan are now established additions to OSB. Not only do these areas have the potential to further increase during 2005 – 06, the greatest increase in the development of OSB has been on Corporate Issues. As service departments gain greater awareness of the requirement to engage with Scrutiny as a major political consultee on the development of Policy documents. The volume of submissions to the Board has become far greater than those contained within the Policy Framework of the constitution.
4. The Policy Framework contains a range of plans. These are presented below as the key areas, which will be presented to Scrutiny, at their scheduled time, for consideration.

Policy Framework.

1. Community Strategy
 2. Best Value Performance Plan (Corporate Performance Plan)
 3. Capital Strategy
 4. Council's Budget Strategy
 5. Crime and Disorder (Reduction Strategy)
 6. Youth Justice Plan
 7. Children's Services Plan
 8. Community Care Plan
 9. Annual Library Plan (Library Position Statement)
 10. Education Development Plan
 11. Early Years Development Plan
 12. Local Development Plan (Local Development Framework)
 13. Structure Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy)
 14. Local Transport Plan
5. The Overview and Scrutiny Board have previously established an Ad Hoc Panel to address a corporate issue of Community Engagement. The Board may want to consider a number of emerging issues, which don't naturally align with a specific Panel.
6. At the OSB meeting held on 14 June a number of issues were put forward for which the Board may want to discuss in further detail at this meeting. Those issues were:
- ◆ Job Evaluation/Equal Pay
 - ◆ School ICT Infrastructure
 - ◆ Strategic Risk Strategy
 - ◆ Policy Framework (from a Members' Perspective)
7. The Board is advised to give consideration to areas they may wish to examine and identify a programme that would accommodate them.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background paper was used in the preparation of this report.

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