

AGENDA ITEM: 8

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

3RD JULY 2007

DEVELOPING THE SCRUTINY PANELS' WORK PROGRAMMES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present to the Overview and Scrutiny Board an outline of topics for consideration which will subsequently give direction to the Scrutiny Panels

RECOMMENDATION

2. Members of the Board are recommended to receive the detail relating to future topics for Scrutiny and to give direction regarding the future programme.

BACKGROUND

3. The stages which contributed to developing the Scrutiny work programme for 2007 are as follows
 - 23rd May 07 Annual meeting – Panels Created
 - 24th May Panel Chairs established
 - 30th May Member Awareness – “Introduction to Scrutiny”
 - 5th June First OSB
 - 7th June Member Development “Effective Overview and Scrutiny”
 - 19th June to 2nd July All Panels receive intro from the Service Area
 - 21st June All Non Exec Members “Topics for Scrutiny”
 - 27th June Member Development – “Skills for successful Scrutiny”
 - June/July Panels meet to determine the 07/08 work programme
 - 3rd July Second OSB to discuss potential work programme.

4. The meetings of the 21st June were to receive direction from the Chair of OSB regarding potential subjects for including into the Panels future work programme. The meetings also provided the opportunity for members to openly consider and debate a range of options and suggestions raised by members, which would be directed to the individual Scrutiny Panels for their consideration. At this meeting a number of topics were identified as being appropriate for the Panels and these are to be addressed at this meeting.
5. The Individual Panels have established meeting dates where they draft their Work Programme based on information received and the outcome of the meetings of 21st June 07. The meeting dates for Panels are presented as follows :-

Children & Learning	11 th July 2007
Community Safety & Leisure	3 rd July 2007
Economic Regeneration & Transport	19 th July 2007
Environment	2 nd July 2007
Social Care & Adult Services	17 th July 2007
Health	26 th June 2007

The individual Panels have timetabled their meetings to consider their work programme following the exploration meeting with Chair of OSB of 21st June. As papers have to be distributed a minimum of five clear working days in advance of the meeting, it is not possible to attach any Panel proposals with this report. Therefore, where possible, the individual Chair will outline the proposals of those Panels, which have met, in advance of this OSB.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

6. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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