



**AGENDA ITEM:**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**11 MARCH 2008**

**EXECUTIVE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide the opportunity for the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) to consider whether any item within the attached Executive Forward Work Programme should be considered by this Board or referred to a Scrutiny Panel.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. The OSB has delegated powers to manage the work of Scrutiny and, if appropriate, it can either undertake the work itself or delegate to individual Scrutiny Panels.
3. One of the main duties of OSB is to hold the Executive to account by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive and decide whether value can be added by Scrutiny considering the matter in advance of any decision being made.
4. This would not negate a Non-Executive Member's ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
5. The most recent copy of the Executive Forward Work Programme (FWP) schedule is attached as Appendix A for the Board's information.
6. Arising from one of the scheduled meetings between the Executive Office and the Scrutiny Team, it was agreed to include more information in the schedule from the FWP. It was also considered appropriate for future reports to go in the name of the Executive Office Manager and that he attends Board meetings to present it. These proposals were also considered and supported by the Executive at its meeting on 12 February 2008.

**RECOMMENDATION**

7. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board consider the content of the Executive Forward Work Programme.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS** – No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.