

AGENDA ITEM: 8

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

30 JUNE 2009

### DETERMINING THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

2009/10

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the various scrutiny panels in considering their proposed work programme for 2009/10.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board considers the range and priorities presented by the panels in their proposed work programmes.
3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board identify any issue they want to be pursued by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel.

#### PROPOSALS FROM THE PANELS

4. The following presents the proposals from the individual panels for the board's consideration

#### Community Safety & Leisure Scrutiny Panel

5. The panel met on the 15 June and discussed a range of options for the board's consideration. The panel concluded with the following list in the order in which they would want to pursue

- Fear of Crime – As referenced in the Audit and inspection letter of 2009
- Community Courts – What it is and what it involves
- Credit Crunch – Impact on Councils Sport and leisure facilities
- Selective Licensing – What it means and how effective is it
- Sport and health – Facilities provided for youth and also elderly

6. Also the Panel discussed the Mayor's Citizen Charter on the principle of 'Don't Walk By'
7. Police and Justice Act 2006 – The Secretary of State has made a regulation under the act relating to Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRP) where Community Safety Committees are required to scrutinise the decisions made by the CDRP. Therefore the panel is scheduled to meet with the CDRP at its September meeting.

### **Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel**

8. The panel met on 11 June to discuss the options for their work programme. The panel chose the following subjects

#### Short Reviews

- Open Plan Estates
- 20 mph zones

#### Detailed Reviews

- Older Housing Areas
- Durham Tees Valley Airport
- Park & Ride Scheme

9. The panel also made a recommendation in their review of Love Middlesbrough? Which was to review the progress on developments with the night time economy since the panel's review in June 2005.

### **Environment Scrutiny Panel:**

10. The panel met on 11 June 2009 and agreed the following topics for investigation during 2009/10

#### Detailed Reviews:

- Cleaning arrangements (to include Area Care, street/back alley cleaning and junk jobs).
- Packaging reduction.
- Energy reduction within the Council/Mouchel.

#### Short Review:

- Nature's World

11. The panel also indicated that it wishes to receive updates on earlier scrutiny topics, as follows:

- Recycling - particularly concerning the implications of more stringent targets.
- Maintenance of natural woodland (to update the position following the earlier review of Countryside Matters).
- Threatened species (to update the position re. bio-diversity etc following the earlier review of Countryside Matters).

### **Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel:**

12. The panel is to meet on 29 June 2009 and will consider its 2009/10 work programme at that meeting. Topics which are to be put forward for consideration are listed below. It is not an exhaustive list and any additions/further suggestions will also be considered at the scrutiny panel meeting.

- Literacy at work - to include union learning schemes, employer contribution and participation.
- Review of admission zones for secondary schools.
- Family support - to examine the real costs of increasing family support to problem families.
- Sex education in schools
- Adult learning - the facilities for unemployed adult learners 19 plus.
- Arrangements for children excluded from primary schools
- Academies - effects on the Council, financial cost of children who are excluded.
- Young carers - what support is available for young people who provide care for their parents.
- Facilities for young people - lack of facilities for young people
- Drug education - the present state of drug education.
- Young people leaving care - what support is available.
- Parenting strategies - parenting strategies for students with anti social behaviour orders.
- Substance misuse by parents/carers.
- Education and employment for young people in east Middlesbrough.
- Primary strategy for change/building schools for the future.
- School attendance.
- Support for children leaving care.
- New legislation concerning vulnerable children.

13. The Overview and Scrutiny Board will be updated in respect of proposals from the Children and Learning Panel at its 30 June meeting.

## Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

14. The panel will meet on 2 July to discuss the options for their work programme. The panel will consider the following subjects

SUGGESTED TOPIC	Director of Social Services	Councillors	From last year's work programme
<b>Individual Budgets and Person Centred Planning</b> - what are the implications for the Council of Individual Budgets (financial, policy issues)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Adult Protection</b> Are the Council's adult protection procedures robust?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Single Point of Access</b> How is the Council progressing with the introduction of a single point of access for enquiries?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Telecare</b> What is the take up, if it is not as high as expected why is this happening and what can we do about it and how do we compare nationally?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Asylum Seekers</b> How does the Council help Asylum Seekers to settle?		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Update from Previous Reviews (as per the recommendations)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the review of Improving Levels of Employment for People with Disabilities</li> <li>• Update from the Survey of Street Wardens</li> <li>• Update on the Home Care Survey from the review of Dignity in Care</li> </ul>			<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Citizenship for people with Learning Disabilities</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Accessibility of information, advice and advocacy</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Supporting Carers in or into employment</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Quality in Home Care Services</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Supporting people with Physical Disabilities to live independently</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Health Scrutiny Panel

15. The panel will be continuing with the following work programme

- Conclusion of Practice Based Commissioning
- Services for People with Strokes
- Updates on Previous Reviews

### **The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee**

16. The committee will be considering of number of issues as follows:

- Statutory Consultations around NEAS Foundation Trust
- Statutory Consultations on Sexual Health Services
- Prescription Charges

### **The South of Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee**

17. The Committee will be considering Community Foundations Trust Status

### **Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel**

18. To be determined on an ad hoc basis by the Board.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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