
REPORT TO:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 11
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REPORT FROM:	Chief Executive	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	Self Scrutiny Review – Baseline Assessment	REF:
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee considers the circulated baseline assessment and that Members submit feedback, with a view to finalising the assessment at the Meeting on 10th December 2008.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To give consideration to a baseline assessment for Overview and Scrutiny at South Derbyshire.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 At the Scrutiny focus session on 29th May 2008, a number of documents were circulated from the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), including a self-evaluation framework. At that time, it was not possible to work through this document, to provide a baseline assessment for Overview and Scrutiny at South Derbyshire. However, there was the intention to revisit this at a future date.
- 3.2 At its Meeting on 17th September 2008 as part of the work programme, the subject of self-scrutiny was again raised (Minute No. OS/13 refers). The Committee was asked to give initial thought to the CfPS self-evaluation framework, but it was acknowledged that this document was more suitable for councils operating under executive arrangements. The principle of holding a six monthly review was supported.
- 3.3 Officers have adapted the CfPS self-evaluation framework to make it more appropriate for South Derbyshire. A copy of the draft document is attached at Annexe 'A' for the Committee's consideration. It is requested that Members take this document away, consider its content and provide feedback to Officers, in order that the document may be finalised at the Committee's Meeting on 10th December 2008. Members are of course welcome to submit views and comments at this stage, or may feel a more formal focus session approach would be worthwhile. A further option may be to bring forward the start time of our next meeting, to allow Members to work through the document.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5.0 Corporate/Community Implications

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6.0 Background Papers

6.1 CfPS Self Evaluation Framework.