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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 7</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>30th JUNE 2010</b>	<b>CATEGORY: DELEGATED</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: N/A</b>

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## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approves the recommendations from the Annual Focus Session as set out in Section 3 of the Report below.
- 1.2 That the initial work programme for 2010/11, a copy of which is attached at Annexe 'A', be approved.
- 1.3 That the Committee considers and approves the scoping documents for the reviews of Swadlincote Woodlands Funding and Funded Voluntary Organisations.
- 1.4 That the Committee considers and determines consultation on the work programme and publicity aspects.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To report to the Committee the outcome of the Annual Focus Session, which lead to the compilation of the attached draft work programme for 2010/11.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Focus Session was held on 15th June 2010. This was the third Annual Focus Session and its main purpose was to consider the work programme for the coming year. It comprised a discussion of existing reviews on the work programme, together with a new review area proposed by a Member. The Committee discussed publicity and consultation arrangements to seek wider input to the work programme. Required scrutiny areas on crime and disorder, the budget and a new work area on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) were also discussed. Breakout groups then scoped two proposed review areas.

- 3.2 A number of documents had been circulated prior to the session, including a schedule of completed and ongoing reviews for the period 2007/08 to 2009/10. Members considered the reviews from the previous year, discussing those that should be retained on the work programme for 2010/11 as follows:
- There was a consensus that work should continue on the Broadband review.
  - With regard to Etwell Leisure Centre, it was proposed that a combined review looking at community use and funding aspects remain on the programme.
  - The proposed review on Rosliston Forestry Centre and that for Private Hire Licensing would also remain on the work programme. On Private Hire Licensing, it was suggested that a presentation be made to Members, prior to scoping the review.
  - It was proposed that the former review areas on the Swine Flu Pandemic, Community Partnership Funding and update on Household drainage be removed from the work programme.
  - The item raised during the budget scrutiny process, for a review of the Waste Service Contract would be delayed by 12 months, due to ongoing discussions regarding service delivery.
  - It was noted that Derbyshire County Council had commenced a further review of Community Transport and was agreed to report the findings of this Council's earlier review to that Authority and thereafter to remove it from the work programme.
  - Members also referred to the health scrutiny work undertaken in 2008/09. It was agreed to seek updates on the services being provided through the new Health Centre in Civic Way, Swadlincote and providing service information to the Council.
- 3.3 Members had been invited to propose additional review areas for the work programme and one suggestion had been received for a review of voluntary organisation funding. A scoping document had been prepared, which was introduced by the Member, discussed and then was taken forward to the subsequent breakout groups for further scoping.
- 3.4 Next, wider consultation on the work programme was discussed. Potential options were raised to enhance the profile of Overview and Scrutiny and promote public engagement. Options suggested were the use of a press campaign, as part of promoting local democracy, circulating information, Scrutiny Members attending Area Forums, the Parish Liaison Meeting or other groups. It was subsequently agreed that staff from the Communications Team would attend this Committee Meeting to discuss the publicity aspects further. The Committee is asked to consider publicity and consultation on this year's work programme.
- 3.5 Members were reminded of the prescribed scrutiny areas. There would be a need to undertake work on crime and disorder, which has a dedicated annual meeting. It was suggested that research be undertaken on how other authorities were approaching this new scrutiny area. Members were reminded of the review work undertaken in March on the administration of the Safer Neighbourhood Scheme and the other review areas proposed by the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership previously. It would be useful to consult the Partnership again on potential review areas, given the positive outcome from last year's review work.
- 3.6 On budget scrutiny, the Director of Corporate Services addressed Members, particularly about the Revenue Support Grant Settlement, which would be received in

the autumn. The Government was reducing funding streams and removing a number of the quality assessments. A document from the new Coalition Government was displayed and it was suggested that scrutiny could look at how we maintain services and monitor future performance.

- 3.7 A draft report was presented on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA). Members were given an introduction to this new scrutiny area, and it was agreed that a report be submitted to this Committee Meeting (see Agenda Item No. 10).
- 3.8 After a brief interval, breakout groups discussed scoping documents for two proposed review areas. The completed scoping document for Swadlincote Woodlands Funding is attached at Annexe 'B' and that for Funded Voluntary Organisations will be circulated shortly. The Committee is asked to consider the scoping documents for these review areas and determine when they should be considered in the work programme.
- 3.9 The Committee is also asked to consider the proposed work programme for 2010/11 a copy of which is attached at Annexe 'A'.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

#### **6.0 Background Papers**

- 6.1 Work Programme.