
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING:	10TH FEBRUARY 2010	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
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SUBJECT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: N/A

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviews its work programme for 2009/10 and agrees the review area(s) to be considered at the next meeting.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To enable the Committee to review and update its work programme.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees an annual work programme, which is reviewed at each meeting. Attached at Annexe 'A' is the work programme for the current Municipal Year. Members are asked to consider the work programme for future meetings and particularly the review areas to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 3.1 A report on the Rosliston Forestry Centre - Update on Business Plan was submitted to the Housing and Community Services Committee on 26th November 2009. The Policy Committee accepted the report and approved its recommendations, including that for a further review of Rosliston Forestry Centre's Business Plan to be completed in the future, and that, in particular, the 'Get Active in the Forest' and Environmental Education work be addressed as part of that review.
- 3.2 Members gave initial consideration to the review work on Crime and Disorder at their last meeting. It was agreed to hold an additional Meeting of the Committee for this purpose on 24th March 2010. The Committee requested consultation with the Chair of the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership on potential review areas, which has been undertaken. Discussions were also held with the Safer Communities Team, to seek suggestions on where Overview and Scrutiny could add value.

- 3.3 This resulted in several suggestions. Firstly the suggestion of a review of how the safer neighbourhood project funding is allocated. This funding is designed to alleviate local crime and disorder problems by supporting small projects that can make a difference in the local community from providing diversionary activities to increasing the security on local public buildings. The existing funding procedure has remained the same for a number of years and it has been suggested that Overview and Scrutiny could look at reviewing the procedure, to make it more aligned to the local Safer neighbourhood priorities. A further suggestion made is for the Committee to look at antisocial behaviour, and particularly how communities can work more closely with the Partnership, to tackle problems at an early stage. A third option could be for the Committee to look at how Section 17 training could be delivered across the Council so each department is aware of its role in preventing crime and disorder. If these are areas that the Committee would wish to consider further, a scoping document could be prepared for consideration at the next meeting as an ongoing review, rather than a 'single meeting' approach for this year's Crime and Disorder scrutiny work.
- 3.3 Also, it was requested that research be undertaken on how other councils are approaching this new scrutiny topic, with a view to determining how South Derbyshire will undertake the role. The feedback received is summarised in the table below.

Council	Review Area
Amber Valley BC	Anti-Social Behaviour.
Chesterfield BC	Crime/ Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) /Community Safety Tenancy Enforcement (ASB) Corporate Services Review
Derbyshire CC	Family Justice Centres Waiting times for drugs and alcohol rehabilitation Crime & Disorder Risk Group
Derbyshire Dales DC	Crime & Disorder – Quality of Life – to reduce the number of assaults by 4%.
North East Derbyshire DC	Community Safety Partnership Plan and Burglary Action Plan CCTV provision Presentation from the Derbyshire Probation Service

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 Information from other Derbyshire local authorities.