
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 8
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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 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 updated 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.

Health Scrutiny

3.2 Following the request by Members at the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee, contact has been made with the PCT, to request their attendance at a meeting, to give an update on the services delivered from the Health Centre in Civic Way. It was hoped to include this on today's Agenda, but the representative, Jackie Pendleton was not available. Officers will seek to arrange a special meeting for this item.

ADSO Conference

3.3 A few months ago, the Council was approached by James Doble, on behalf of the Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO), to help with the organisation's annual conference. Members will recall that Mr. Doble undertook the Council's Scrutiny Peer Review in 2009. He felt that a workshop on scrutiny in a fourth option council would be well received by those attending the conference. This was particularly timely with the planned government changes to local government structures, enabling most authorities to revert to a committee system. It was requested that Paul Spencer, the Council's Principal Democratic Services Officer lead the workshop on how scrutiny is delivered at South Derbyshire, particularly

focusing on the journey the Committee has made in its delivery of scrutiny over the past few years, with examples of the review work completed. Following discussions with ADSO, the workshop included Derbyshire Dales, the other fourth option council in the County, to give a comparison on how the councils fulfil their scrutiny functions.

- 3.4 The conference took place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th November in Leeds. The workshop took place on the Monday afternoon and was one of four running at the same time. It was well attended, attracting nearly half of the delegates at the conference. The session was well received and it was worthwhile attending, as it promoted the good work this council's scrutiny committee is undertaking. To be recognised in this way at the national level, as an example of good practice is something the committee should be proud of. A copy of the presentation slides is attached at Annexe 'B' as further background.

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 Scoping documents for reviews.