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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>              | <b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>                                  | <b>AGENDA ITEM: 9</b>          |
| <b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>        | <b>9TH FEBRUARY 2011</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 considers its work programme and agrees the review area(s) for 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.

### Crime and Disorder Scrutiny

3.2 An area of the work programme still to be considered in the current municipal year is Crime and Disorder Scrutiny. It is anticipated that the requirement to undertake such scrutiny at least annually will be removed by the Government, but it currently remains in place.

3.3 Members may recall that last year we held an additional Meeting of the Committee. Consultation was undertaken on potential review areas, which resulted in several suggestions. It was agreed to undertake a review of how the safer neighbourhood project funding is allocated. The review work was completed, submitted to and adopted by the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

3.4 Two further suggestions were made last year, the first being for the Committee to look at anti social behaviour (ASB), and particularly how communities can work more closely with the Partnership, to tackle problems at an early stage. The other suggestion was 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.

- 3.5 As an update, the Safer Neighbourhoods' Team feels it has progressed with the ASB issues and how the community can work with the Partnership to tackle problems at an early stage. The last round of Safer Neighbourhoods' meetings reflected this, as there are very few new problem areas being raised and lots of compliments on how the Police and Partnership have tackled the issues that are raised.
- 3.5 At the last Committee meeting, views were sought on potential review areas for this year, but no proposals have been received. Officers have since met and a review area that has been suggested is to look at the outcome from a recent survey on the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.
- 3.6 A useful piece of work could be around how to promote the Police Safer Neighbourhood teams. The 2010 police 'have your say day' results were published just before Christmas and South Derbyshire scored lowest in the County on the question 'Before this event, did you know that you have a Safer Neighbourhood policing team in your area?' Attached at Annexe 'B' is a copy of the results.
- 3.7 It is felt there is room for improvement with how the Safer Neighbourhoods team is promoted and the team has already done a few things to improve this: i.e. placing a notice board in a local supermarket and the teams are holding police surgeries. However, the team would welcome a review which examined other ways for promoting the Safer Neighbourhood teams. The Committee could meet with relevant officers to research this and consider a strategy for improving public awareness.
- 3.6 The final scheduled meeting of the municipal year is on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. There is normally a further meeting in mid-May, which won't take place this year, due to the District Council Elections. The attached work programme schedule includes for the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny work to be considered at the March meeting. The Committee's instructions are sought on the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny work to be undertaken for this year.

#### Annual Report

- 3.4 The Committee's Annual Report will be submitted to the next Meeting in March for approval. As there will be no further meetings of the Committee between then and the Annual Council meeting, it is proposed to circulate a draft version electronically in advance, to seek Members input ahead of the Committee meeting.

#### **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.