REPORT TO:	**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**	**AGENDA ITEM: 6**
DATE OF MEETING:	**10th December 2008**	**CATEGORY: DELEGATED**
REPORT FROM:	**Chief Executive**	**OPEN**
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SUBJECT:	**Self Scrutiny Review – Baseline Assessment**	**REF:**
WARD(S) AFFECTED:		**TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee considers and finalises the circulated baseline assessment.

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 adapted the CfPS self-evaluation framework to make it more appropriate for South Derbyshire and a first draft of the baseline was circulated for the Committee's consideration at the October Meeting. It was requested that Members take this document away, consider its content and provide feedback, in order that the document could be finalised at this Meeting. The document has since been updated to reflect the initial Member feedback received and these changes are shown in shaded italics.

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.