

**Agenda Item: 12**

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**Meeting:** Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 1 September 2009

**Subject:** Draft Work Programme 2009-2010

**Report of:** Jon Partridge, Overview & Scrutiny Officer

**Summary:** The report provides Members with their current work programme to consider any amendments that they may wish to make.

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Contact Officer: Jon Partridge (0300 300 4634)

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: n/a

Key Decision n/a

Reason for urgency/  
Exemption from call-in  
(if appropriate) n/a

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. That the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers the current work programme and any amendments it may wish to make.**
- 2. That the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers whether it wishes to establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items on the draft work programme.**

*Reason for Recommendation: So as Members of the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee can keep their work programme for the municipal year 2009 – 2010 under review to ensure it is fit for purpose.*

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**Work Programme**

1. As its first meeting the Committee received a directorate presentation complemented by a long list of suggested items for inclusion in a draft Committee work programme for 2009 - 2010.

2. The Committee has subsequently agreed a work programme, which has been developed with the support of the Director, indicating which items the Committee wishes to receive at its meetings. This work programme is intended to be flexible and provides indicative dates for consideration of items by the Committee so as Members can influence matters in a timely manner. This agreed work programme is attached at **Appendix A**.
3. The Committee will be aware at its previous meeting that a Task Force was established to consider all non-strategic matters in relation to the Local Development Framework, Local Transport Policy and Housing Policy. Officers are currently developing an indicative work programme on behalf of the Task Force that will outline;
  1. the key matters to be considered;
  2. indicative dates for the consideration of those matters; and
  3. any areas of overlap between the work programme of the task force and the work programme of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SCOSC).
4. It is envisaged that once this work programme has been drafted and considered by the Task Force it will be presented to a subsequent meeting of the SCOSC to inform Members of the intended programme of work. Revisions will be required to the SCOSC work programme once the Task Force work programme has been drafted.
5. The Committee is therefore requested to consider the work programme attached and make any further amendments it may consider necessary.

### **Task Forces**

6. The Committee has already established a task force to review all non-strategic matters in relation to the Local Development Framework, Local Transport Plan and Housing Policy but in addition to this Members may wish to consider establishing a Member Task Force to review any other items on its work programme in greater depth and report back its findings.

### **Conclusion**

7. The Committee is requested to consider the work programme attached and make any further amendments it considers necessary. Members are also requested to consider highlighting those items within the work programme where they wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work.

<b>CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS</b>
<p><b>Council Priorities:</b></p> <p>The work programme of the Sustainable Communities Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee should contribute to all 5 Council priorities, and will specifically support those 2 directly related to the work of the Sustainable Communities directorate, being managing growth effectively and creating safer communities.</p>

**Financial:**

n/a

**Legal:**

n/a

**Risk Management:**

n/a

**Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

n/a

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

n/a

**Community Development/Safety:**

n/a

**Sustainability:**

n/a