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

**Date:** 24 November 2009

**Subject:** 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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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: n/a

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

The work programme of the Sustainable Communities Overview & 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.

### **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

#### 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.

#### Work Programme

1. At its first meeting the Committee received a presentation providing an overview of the Sustainable Communities directorate and the key issues and challenges facing it. A work programme was subsequently drafted containing a number of priority items to allow officers to plan accordingly.
2. The work programme is regularly kept under review by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and officers and is amended as appropriate, which also includes adding further items during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists. This current agreed work programme is attached at **Appendix A**.

#### Task Forces

3. Development Strategy Task Force  
The Development Strategy Task Force has met on 4 occasions to consider items relating to the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document the Design Guide for Central Bedfordshire and housing end employment site allocations. An indicative work programme for the Task Force for 2009 – 2010 is attached at **Appendix B**.
4. Whilst the Committee has already established the Development Strategy Task Force Members may wish to consider establishing any further Task Forces in addition to this to review any other items on its work programme in greater depth and report back its findings.
5. The Committee has also established a Member Advisory Group for the purpose of consultation on the proposed programme of highway works composed by Councillors Bastable, Gale, Kane, Maudlin and Williams.

#### Conclusion

6. 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.

**Appendices:**

**Appendix A:** Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2009 – 10

**Appendix B:** Draft Development Strategy Task Force Work Programme 2009 - 10