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**Meeting:** Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 26 January 2010  
**Subject:** Work Programme 2009-2010  
**Report of:** Jon Partridge, Overview & Scrutiny Officer  
**Summary:** The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted work programme.

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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:**

None

##### **Legal:**

None

##### **Risk Management:**

None

##### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

None

##### **Equalities/Human Rights:**

None

##### **Community Development/Safety:**

None

**Sustainability:**

None

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **That the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
  - (a) **considers and approves the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make; and**
  - (b) **considers whether it wishes to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.**

**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 a number of occasions to consider items including the Design Guide for Central Bedfordshire and site allocations housing and employment and gypsy and traveller sites. An indicative work programme for the Task Force for 2009 – 2010 is attached at **Appendix B**.
4. Cultural Strategy Task Force

The Committee should also be aware that following the recent move of culture and leisure services to the Sustainable Communities directorate the Committee will receive a report from the Cultural Strategy Task Force and Members are invited to engage in meetings of the Task Force which is currently constituted by Members of the Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
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