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**Meeting:** Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 18 May 2010  
**Subject:** Work Programme 2010-2011  
**Report of:** Gary Alderson, Director of Sustainable Communities  
**Summary:** The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

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Public/Exempt: Public  
Wards Affected: All  
Function of: Council

#### **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:**
  - (a) **considers and approves the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make;**
  - (b) **considers the Executive Forward Plan; and**
  - (c) **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. Attached at **Appendix A** is the currently drafted work programme for the Committee, which at this early stage in the new municipal year consists only of those items identified in the previous year.
2. Also attached at **Appendix B** is the latest version of the Executive's Forward Plan so that Overview & Scrutiny Members are fully aware of the key issues Executive Members will be taking decisions upon in the coming months. Those items relating specifically to this Committee's terms of reference are shaded in light grey.
3. The Committee is now requested to consider the work programme attached and amend or add to it as necessary. This will allow officers to plan accordingly but will not preclude further items being added during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists.

### Task Forces

4. In addition to consideration of the work programme, Members will also need to consider how each item will be reviewed i.e. by the Committee itself (over one or a number of Committee meetings) or by establishing a Member Task Force to review an item in greater depth and report back its findings.

Arising from the previous Council year the Committee currently has the following Task Forces and Advisory Group's within its remit:-

5. 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, site allocations for housing and employment and gypsy and traveller sites and Local Transport Plan 3. An indicative work programme for the Task Force for 2010 - 2011 is attached at **Appendix C**.

6. Cultural Strategy Task Force

As a result of the Senior Management Review the Cultural Strategy Task Force is now covered in the remit of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it is this Committee that will receive a final report.

Following a meeting between the Director of Sustainable Communities, the Assistant Director for Leisure and Culture, the Portfolio Holder, the Chairman of the Task Force, the Chairman of the Children, Families and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee it was agreed that the next scheduled meetings of the Task Force be suspended pending the completion of the Senior Management Review.

7. Member Advisory Group

The Committee has also established a Member Advisory Group for the purpose of consultation on the proposed programme of highway works (**Minute SCOSC/09/18 refers**) composed by Councillors Bastable, Gale, Kane, Maudlin and Williams.

**Conclusion**

8. Members are requested to consider and agree the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments/additions they may wish to make and highlight those items within it 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 2010 – 11
- Appendix B:** The Executive Forward Plan for the period 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2011
- Appendix C:** Development Strategy Task Force Work Programme 2010 – 11