

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S GROUP**

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Board
3rd April 2007**

**Report Number C/07/07
Workload for Municipal Year 2007/08**

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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To stimulate discussion of an appropriate work plan for the Board for the next municipal year and to make recommendations for adopting specific subject areas.

2.0 Financial, Staffing, Risk & Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no potential staffing, financial, risk or legal implications arising out of this report.

3.0 Workload

- 3.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Management Board adopts an annual work programme to plan the work load for the year.
- 3.2 In consideration of what workload the Board should undertake, it should be mindful of the benefits to be achieved by such a review using the principals of economy, effectiveness and efficiency.
- 3.3 As a result of the Use of Resources Scrutiny task group recommendation the council's workplan for 2007/08 was approved by full council in February 2007. The council work plan is attached with this report and Members may wish to consider any items they would like to be brought to Overview and Scrutiny prior to going to the Executive Committee.
- 3.4 Subject to the decisions taken by the board, it is important that terms of reference are established for each area of work.
- 3.5 Proposals for the Boards workload include the following reviews, identified at previous Overview and Scrutiny Committees:-

3.5.1 Kennet & Avon Canal

At its meeting in October 2006 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board approved the following item for inclusion in the 2007/08 work programme.

"To examine the impact of the Kennet & Avon Canal across the district".

3.5.2 Planning Policies

At its meeting in July 2006 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommended that the council:-

- a) Review its policy on equestrian dwellings and/or other land based issues in the local development framework with a view to providing an explicit local justification for these dwellings as being essential for employment in the countryside;
- b) Reviews its policies and standards for car parking in the local development framework, taking in to account draft PPG3 guidance with the emphasis on presenting a local justification for allowing higher car parking standards in Kennet because of its rural situation.

The board further resolved to review the policies once they had been developed.

3.5.3 Building Control

As part of the shared services agenda the council is currently investigating the option of establishing a joint building control service across Wiltshire. It is proposed that the board scrutinise the options being considered.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT; the Board

- i) Approves reviews of the Kennet & Avon Canal and its impact on the district and Building Control for inclusion in the work programme.
- ii) Approves a review of the planning policies, subject to them being developed for inclusion in its work programme.
- iii) Considers the council work programme and identifies any further pieces of work for inclusion in the work programme.
- iv) Subject to the agreement of i), ii) & iii), agrees on the membership of the working groups and/or sub committees.

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