



AGENDA

Meeting: **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

Place: County Hall, Trowbridge

Committee Room: Committee Room V

Date: Thursday 6 November 2008

Time: 10.30 am

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All the reports referred to on this agenda are available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council.htm

Members are also reminded to personally review the Council's Forward Work Plan and Cabinet minutes as part of Scrutiny's responsibilities to hold the Executive to public account. These are circulated regularly and available on the website.

Any member of the Committee or any 5 members of the Council can request an item on the agenda of the Committee using the appropriate form available on the website or from the scrutiny officers.

Briefing Arrangements:	Date	Time	Place
Chairman and Vice Chairman	4 November	10.00am	Scrutiny Room

Membership:

Mr P Davis	Mr JB Osborn (Chairman)
Mr AN Deane	Dr JM English
Mrs ME Groom	Mrs JH Rooke
Mr A Molland (Vice-Chairman)	Mr BE Dalton
Mrs P Rugg	Mr E Clarke
Mr AJ Trotman	Mr RT Rogers
Mr R While	

PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. **Membership**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2008 (copies circulated herewith).
4. **Chairman's Announcements**
5. **Members' Interests** To remind members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee at the relevant time.
6. **Public Participation** The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public. This meeting is open to members of the public who may ask a question or make a statement. Written notice of questions or statements should be given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 4 November. Anyone wishing to ask a question or make a statement should contact the officer named above. Speakers are limited to two minutes.
7. **Review of Day Care Services and Respite Care provided by Orders of St. John Care Trust**
A report by the Head of Commissioning Older People and People with Physical Impairment is circulated.

This was requested by the Committee as part of its consideration of OSJ's annual report in June.
8. **Progress Report on the Implementation of the Corporate Procurement Strategy**
A report by the Head of Procurement and Contract Management is circulated.

The Committee was supportive of the development of the original Strategy and has monitored its implementation over the past three years.
9. **Review of Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector**
A Rapid Scrutiny exercise was undertaken on the full review report on 14 October and the notes and recommendations from that meeting are circulated.

These were accepted by Cabinet at its meeting on 21 October which has recommended the IE to honour all existing commitments by the five councils in 2009/10 to the voluntary and community sector,

pending implementation of the review. The decision of IE will be reported at the meeting.

The Management Committee is asked to endorse the rapid scrutiny work done on this topic and to note that OS will be given the opportunity (in the new council) to consider the content of the framework being developed for October 2009 prior to implementation.

10. **Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements for One Council Transition**
Since the last report, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Transition Board (JOSTB) has met on 26 September and 31 October. The JOSTB papers are circulated to Management Committee members, posted on the web and the minutes reported to full Council.

In addition to holding the IE to account through the receipt of the Towards One Council Progress report and its minutes, the main focus has been through the work of the Joint Board's task groups reviewing the following priority transition areas:

Development Control – WWDC (completed)
Waste – WCC (suspended)
Housing – WCC
Community Area Boards – WCC
Customer Access – NWDC

Recent discussions have included the potential for better co-ordination of the work programmes of the 5 councils and the Joint Board, closer scrutiny of the Critical Path and Day One Plans, Council Tax equalisation, BMP cost reduction targets, and IE's request for further information on development control.

An oral update will be given on the issues considered by JOSTB on 31 October including appointments procedure, organisational structures, and arrangements in the interregnum period.

The Board will develop proposals for overview and scrutiny arrangements for the new council with the support of a LG consultant for report at the end of the year.

The Management Committee is asked to note progress on scrutiny of the transition to One Council.

11. **Work Programme**
(1) A copy of the latest version of the Management Committee's work programme is attached. The Committee is asked to consider its current work programme and agree any alterations it wishes to make, bearing in mind any decisions taken earlier in the meeting. It will also need to consider the impact of joint overview and scrutiny of transition to One Council on capacity and resources.

- (2) RTPI A further rapid scrutiny exercise will be conducted on 12 November involving Jeff Osborn, Tony Deane and Terry Chivers. This will be held at the Traffic Centre in Salisbury in order to view the system operating centrally.
- (3) Accommodation Strategy for Older People This will now be considered at the next meeting due to slipping to the IE in January.
- (4) FOCUS Project An update was due in October following the rapid scrutiny exercise on 19 June. This has been delayed due to the need for more extensive staff consultation and will now be held in January.
- (5) For information the following scrutiny activities under the direction of the Management Committee are taking place (Change Management having now been realigned under JOSTB):

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Next Meeting</u>	<u>End Date</u>
Task Groups	Performance	Mr Newbury (Ch) Mr Osborn Mrs Soden Mrs Taylor Mr While	Nov 02	18 Nov	Standing
	Budget	Mr Molland (Ch) Mr Fuller Mr Coleman Mr Rogers Mr Moss Mr Osborn	Sept 01	19 Nov	Standing
Procurement Project Boards	Property Services	Mr Henning	Sept 05	-	Ongoing
	Adult Care (including OSJ Care Services)	Dr English	Jan 06	-	Ongoing
Specific Interests	Street Management	Mr West	Sept 07	-	Ongoing
	Cycle Lanes	Dr English	Sept 07	-	Ongoing

12. Urgent Items

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

None