

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme Record Card

Main Work Area :	Fin & Perf Monitoring		Priority allocated by Committee :	High	
	Strategic/Service Review	}			
	Shadowing the Executive			Med	}
	Member/Public Request				
	Other			Low	
Subject :	Rural Unitary				
Requested by :	Overview and Scrutiny Committee		Date of request:	21 st June 2007	
Details :	Terms of reference: Taking account of the experience of existing unitary local authorities which serve largely rural areas of England and Wales - <div><div>1. To review the proposals for One Council for Wiltshire, in order to identify policies and issues of particular importance.</div><div>2. To undertake a programme of scrutiny accordingly, with particular reference initially to:<div><div>the proposals for Community Area Partnerships, Boards of Councillors, and extensive delegation to area managers;</div><div>the service areas of development control, leisure, waste and housing;</div><div>criteria for rationalisation of property;</div><div>how the promised improved service to local people may be measured and evaluated; and</div><div>how NWDC's more successful features may be carried forward into the new Council.</div></div></div><div>3. To consider how the four Wiltshire District Councils might co-operate in scrutiny work during the transition period, to avoid both duplication and the cumbersome experience of Joint Scrutiny.</div><div>4. To consider such other issues as arise which are significant for North Wiltshire's contribution to the effective establishment of a unitary council for Wiltshire.</div><div>5. To make timely recommendations on these questions to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to the Executive and to the Council, bearing in mind the timetable set by the Secretary of State.</div></div>				
Task Group members:	To be confirmed.				
Timescale :	First considered by Task Group:				
	Plan of action – Latest Position:	To consider the Terms of Reference at the 19 th July 2007 meeting, to appoint Members to the Task Group and to call the first meeting of the Task Group if the Secretary of State approves the Wiltshire County Council unitary bid.			

Scrutiny Support Arrangements	Officer Dealing : To be confirmed. Specialist Support: To be confirmed.
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