

### **Criteria for Agreeing Overview & Scrutiny Topics**

Topics should be:

- Specific (we should be clear about what is being scrutinised, and what is excluded).
- Achievable (in an agreed and reasonable timetable).
- Significant for the public (meaningful for North Wiltshire residents).
- Useful (capable of producing tangible and fairly immediate results).

That the Committee should take account of circumstances:

- Where the Executive believes Scrutiny could improve the delivery of important services and value for money without unnecessary duplication of effort.
- Where value for money gains could be particularly significant.
- Where there is evidence of significant public disquiet, concern or interest.
- Where external services (including partnership arrangements) are subject to major change or the subject of public debate.
- Where there is evidence of malpractice.