

REPORT TO THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		Report No. 9
Date of Meeting	27 March 2008	
Title of Report	A Programme of Work for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
Link to Corporate Priorities	All	
Public Report	Yes	

Summary of Report

This report sets out the forward work plan for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and asks members to consider its priorities for the forthcoming year.

Officer Recommendations

The Committee is asked to consider its priorities for the forthcoming year and to update its forward work plan accordingly.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
Yes	None	None	Yes	None

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 A copy of the current forward work plan for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 Members may add to the work programme as and when necessary throughout the year and the document is updated following each Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.
- 1.3 The production of such a programme aids forward planning for future meetings.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 At its meeting on 21 June 2007 the Committee agreed that the following criteria should be used to set topics for inclusion in its forward work plan:

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.

3. Financial and Human Resources Implications

- 3.1 Any work identified by the Committee will need to be carried out within existing resources.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Current Forward Work Plan for 2008/09 Appendix 2 - Executive Work Plan No. 12
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	None

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
A programme of work for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 21 June 2007	O18