

**SCRUTINY REVIEWS 2006/07**

**SELECTION AND SCOPING**

**This four-stage selection process has been adopted by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee and the Council as part of the Scrutiny Toolkit.**

**1. Long List**

Your scrutiny Support Officer, Lindsay Mertens, has prepared a long-list of issues for the Panel to consider. The long-list is compiled from issues prioritised last year but not reviewed, issues emerging from the Portfolio Plans, issues emerging from public consultation, issues submitted by members and officers, issues emerging from the Government, other topical local or national issues.

**2. Short-listing**

Members are invited to select their top priorities from this list. The top three issues will then be selected as the review programme for 2006/07 - two reviews and one reserve.

**3. Scoping**

The Panel will be asked to indicate how detailed the review should be - in-depth or lighter touch - and to agree the terms of reference (suggestions are included on the long list).

**4. Lead Member**

The Panel will be asked to appoint a Lead Member and at least three other Panel members - to achieve a cross party approach. The Panel might also consider if outside nominees should be co-opted - although generally outside bodies can contribute to reviews through interviews and submissions. Places on all reviews will be advertised to other council members afterwards.

# Scrutiny Review Programme 2006

## Planning & Economic Development OSP: Long List

Lindsay Mertens, the Scrutiny Support Officer for Planning and Economic Development OSP has prepared a long-list of issues from which the Panel is asked to select three issues for consideration during 2006/07.

This list was compiled from issues prioritised last year, but not reviewed, issues emerging from the Portfolio Plans, issues emerging from public consultation and community planning, issues submitted by members and officers, issues emerging from the Government, other topical or national issues.

Members are asked to select their top five issues from the 12 presented.

**Please select your preferred FIVE ISSUES from the list below:**

- Major Developments in the District**  
*What are the implications of the major developments such as the Salisbury Research Triangle? What is the Council doing to ensure that the appropriate infrastructure is put in place to support such developments? How could this be improved?*
- Wiltshire and Swindon Economic Partnership**  
*To review the current organisation of the Partnership, with a view to assessing the impact on the economic growth of South Wilts and investigating ways of improvement.*
- Regional Assembly, GOSW and RDA**  
*To investigate the role of these agencies on the future economic and social development of South Wiltshire.*
- Transportation Funding**  
*To study the economic consequences of the failure to fund the whole of the Salisbury Transport Plan and what needs to be done to mitigate them.*  
  
*NB: Since this subject would also fall within the remit of the E&T Panel, the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee would need to make a judgement on this review.*
- Tourist Information Centre (TIC) Policy**  
*To review the current policy with a view to making revisions.*
- Economic Development Strategy**  
*To review the current economic development strategy with a view to making any suggestions for improvements*
- Protecting Trees and Hedgerows**  
*To review the Council's approach to the protection of trees and hedgerows*
- New Forest National Park**  
*To examine the implications of the designation of the National Park in terms of both potential threats and opportunities*
- Conservation**  
*How well is the Council achieving its aim of protecting the historic built environment?*
- Tourism**  
*Is the Council effectively capitalising on niche markets? To look at the possibility of exploiting the area's cultural, literary, ecclesiastical, military, archaeological and landscape attractions and other niche markets*
- City Centre Management**  
*To examine the effectiveness of the City Centre Management partnership at promoting and preserving Salisbury's distinctive qualities*
- Planning and Biodiversity**  
*To examine the links between planning and biodiversity in South Wiltshire*

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