

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 12 November 2009

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme – Six Monthly Review

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Recommendations:

(1) That the current work programme be reviewed in accordance with rule 9.3 of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules having regard to:

- (a) the resourcing and scope of the programme; and**
- (b) the reserve programme and new proposals from members.**

1. (Assistant to the Chief Executive). The Overview and Scrutiny Procedural rules state that 'The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme shall be of six – months duration and be reviewed at or before the expiration of that six month period'.

2. The current work programme is attached. A review of this plan is therefore now due.

Task and Finish Panels

3. At the annual review (June 2009) one new Task and Finish Panels was established: The Pitt Review on Flooding Task and Finish Panel has met twice this year.

4. In September 2009 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee established a second Task and Finish Panel was established. This was to look at the Sustainable Communities Act, 2007. This Panel has not yet met.

Scrutiny Standing Panels

5. No new Standing Panels were created this year..

Reserve List.

6. A reserve list of scrutiny topics is required to ensure that the work flow of OSC is continuous. OSC will 'pull out' items from the list and allocate them accordingly once space becomes available in the work plan following the completion of existing reviews.

7. To date no items have been submitted. Members can put forward any further suggestions for inclusion in the reserve list either during the meeting or at a later date. Existing review items will be dealt with first, then time will be allocated to the items contained in the reserve work plan.

8. Members need to bear in mind that new projects can be added but only if there is capacity among Panels and officers to undertake them.