

# **Report to Council**

**Date of meeting: 24 July 2007**

**Subject: Overview and Scrutiny**

**Chairman: Councillor R Morgan**

**Committee Secretary: Adrian Hendry, ext.4246**



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## **Recommendation:**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny progress report from June to the present be noted.**

## **Report**

### **The main Overview and scrutiny Committee**

1. At their second meeting, held on 10 July 2007, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered:

- the 2007/08 Cabinet Forward Plan. The Leader of the Council who emphasised their six key priorities, introduced the Cabinet's programme;
- the Committee confirmed the terms of references of the Crime and Disorder Task and Finish panel and the Leisure Services Task and Finish Panel;
- the report of the Constitution and Members Services Scrutiny Standing Panel on the Elections held in May 2007;
- the Committee agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August to consider the future of webcasting at EFDC when the pilot comes to an end in March 2008; and
- agreed to receive a further report from officers the proposal to hold a joint scrutiny review with Harlow and Uttlesford councils to consider issues relating to local healthcare services and West Essex PCT.

### **Standing Panels**

2. The 4 Standing Panels each have a rolling programme that consider ongoing cyclical issues and are comprised of the Housing Standing Panel under the Chairmanship of Councillor S Murray; the Constitution and Members Services Standing Panel chaired by Councillor R Church; the Finance and Performance Management Standing Panel chaired by Councillor Jon Whitehouse; and the Environment and Planning Standing Panel chaired by Councillor Mrs Smith.

3. The Housing Standing Panel did not meet on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007 as they had completed their scheduled workload at their last meeting in April 2007. They are not due to meet again until October 2007.

4. The Constitution and Members Services Standing Panel met in June 2007 to review the May elections. Their report went to the main Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

5. The Finance and Performance Management Standing Panel met on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 when they considered Key Performance Indicators, the Value for Money Sub-Group report, the Council Plan review and the Consultation plan.

6. The Environment and Planning Standing Panel met on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007, when they considered the Nazeing Focus day.

### **Task and Finish Panels**

7. Of the four new Task and Finish Panels only the Leisure Task and Finish Panel had met to consider their terms of reference and their future work programme which was agreed by the main Overview and Scrutiny Committee, along with the Crime and Disorder task and Finish Panel's terms of reference.