

## Agenda No 4

### AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

**Name of Committee**                      **Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group**

**Date of Committee**                      **21 June 2005**

**Report Title**                              **Review of the Corporate Review Programme 2005/6**

**Summary**                                  This report introduces the Corporate Review Programme 2005/6 to the new Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group. The programme brings together the Authority's review programme and the rolling programme of major scrutiny topics for 2005/6

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?**                      No

**Background papers**                      None

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-**

Details to be specified

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| Other Committees      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |
| Local Member(s)       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |
| Other Elected Members | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |
| Cabinet Member        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cllr Bob Stevens, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group |
| Chief Executive       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |



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| Legal                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | David Carter  |
| Finance                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |
| Other Chief Officers     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | John Deegan – comments received, Marion Davis – “the report is fine”, Peter Ridley, Martyn Davey – comments incorporated, Noel Hunter, Eric Wood, David Clarke, CFO William Brown |
| District Councils        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |
| Health Authority         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |
| Police                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |   |
| Other Bodies/Individuals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Monica Fogarty – comments incorporated  |

**FINAL DECISION**

**No**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

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|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Further consideration by this Committee | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
| To Council                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
| To Cabinet                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| To an O & S Committee                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | All O&S Committees for any changes to existing programme. Updates on progress to all O&S Committees on a half yearly basis against current and emerging priorities |
| To an Area Committee                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
| Further Consultation                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Updates on progress to the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group  |

## Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group

21 June 2005

### Review of the Corporate Review Programme 2005/6

### Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

#### Recommendations

##### That the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group:

1. Consider the ongoing "fit" of the Corporate Review Programme for 2005/6 with current and emerging priorities
2. Identify any potential changes to the Corporate Review Programme for 2005/6.
3. Consider the role of the Group in overseeing the development, delivery and monitoring of the programme for the future.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 The Corporate Review Programme was first introduced in 2004/05 to bring together the programmed review activity and rolling programme of scrutiny reviews designed to improve the County Council's performance and delivery of its services.
- 1.2 Warwickshire County Council's established practice ensures that it is agreed by all Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Coordinating Group. Following agreement it is published as a public document in accordance with Best Value legislation along with the Council's Corporate Business Plan and Best Value Performance Report.

## 2. Current Position

- 2.1 The programme is reviewed annually with Chief Officers, Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Coordinating Group. The

programme for 2005/6 was considered by COMT on 16 December, OSCG on the 11 January 2005 and Cabinet in February 2005.

- 2.2 To date, the Coordinating Group has had a limited role in overseeing the development and delivery of the programme.
- 2.3 It was recognised that the Elections of May 2005 would have an impact on the major scrutiny topics agreed for 2005/6. However, as it is a rolling programme the Members recognised that some areas agreed would transcend any change in Administration and others may be superseded by the incoming Administration's priorities. The programme is flexible enough to accommodate developments and changing priorities.
- 2.4 As the Coordinating Group comprises a new Chair and new O&S Chairs, it is felt prudent to bring the Corporate Review Programme for 2005/6 to the attention of the Group to consider the following:
  - The "fit" of the existing programme with current and emerging priorities – *are any changes necessary to the agreed programme of reviews?*
  - The role of the Coordinating Group in overseeing the development and delivery of the programme - *does the group wish to fulfil an enhanced role in shaping, delivering and monitoring the programme in the future?*

### **3 The Corporate Review Programme for 2005/06**

- 3.1 The Programme is attached at **Appendix 1**. The programme has been the subject of consultation with senior officers and Members. It has been drawn from a number of sources - existing priorities in the Corporate Business Plan, the Warwickshire Strategic Plan, the CPA Improvement Plan, and the ongoing work being undertaken on Best Value and Scrutiny Reviews.

### **4. Role for the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group**

- 4.1 The role of the Group is important in influencing the development of Overview and Scrutiny through the Corporate Review Programme and the support arrangements provided.
- 4.2 The Group could play a greater role in:
  - Setting the framework for the work programmes for the individual committees and therefore ensuring the priorities of the Council are met

- Identifying issues which cut across the O&SCs and agreeing how these should be investigated
- Identifying any gaps or areas of duplication in the programme
- Evaluating the outcomes of the Corporate Review Programme
- Putting learning into practice for the benefit of the Overview and Scrutiny function across the organisation

## **5. Development of Work Programmes**

- 5.1 The establishment of the work programme(s) for the coming year is a key task for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 5.2 In developing the work programme(s), the prioritisation of identified scrutiny topics through a risk-based approach is key to ensuring the best use of resources.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group:
- Consider the ongoing “fit” of the Corporate Review Programme for 2005/6 with current and emerging priorities
  - Identify any potential changes to the Corporate Review Programme for 2005/6
  - Consider the role of the Group in overseeing the development, delivery and monitoring of the programme for the future.

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21 June 2005

## CORPORATE REVIEW PROGRAMME 2005/06

Corporate Strategic Objective	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Reviews (Best Value, Strategic and Management Reviews)	Scrutiny Topics for 2005/06 (Rolling Programme)*
To Promote Lifelong Learning and Personal Development	<b>Children and Young People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Admissions Appeals</b> - Consider how the supporting processes may be improved</li> <li>• <b>Percentage of Schools Causing Concern</b> - Consider how the approaches used to achieve CPA targets could be effectively improved</li> <li>• <b>Lifelong Learning in the Community</b> - Consider how opportunities for Lifelong Learning could be enhanced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implications of the Tomlinson Report</li> <li>• Completion of the Home to School/College Transport</li> <li>• Looked After Children - driving up the educational attainment of Looked After Children</li> <li>• Supply Teacher Recruitment and Retention - Consider alternative approaches</li> <li>• Reduction in School Places</li> <li>• Looked After Children - Pre-adoption processes</li> <li>• Impact of inequitable service provision throughout the County</li> <li>• The Children Act implementation</li> <li>• Supporting Young People with mental health problems</li> </ul>
To Improve the Environment	<b>Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental Sustainability (External Review)</b> - Consider how the approaches used to meet government targets could be effectively improved across the County of Warwickshire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carillion Contract - performance management</li> <li>• County Fleet Maintenance – Service configuration</li> <li>• Waste Collection and Disposal</li> <li>• Evaluation of progress on outcomes of reviews of: -- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Green Transport</li> <li>○ Traffic Management</li> <li>○ Environmental Sustainability</li> <li>○ Highway Maintenance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Corporate Strategic Objective	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Reviews (Best Value, Strategic and Management Reviews)	Scrutiny Topics for 2005/06 (Rolling Programme)*
To Promote the Health and Social Care of our Citizens	Adult and Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strategic Review of Older Persons Services (Stage 2)</b> - Consider the recommendations from Stage 1 of this review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of inequitable service provision throughout the County</li> <li>• Supporting People – responding to the Inspection</li> <li>• Mobile Libraries - effectiveness of provision</li> </ul>
	Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Inequalities - Access to Cancer Services</li> <li>• Access to Maternity services</li> <li>• Mental Health Provision: Phase 1 - Equity of service provision across Warwickshire &amp; Phase 2 – Transitional Arrangements</li> </ul>
To Reduce Crime and Improve the Safety of the Community	Community Safety		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of the Police Reform Bill</li> <li>• Impact of the Civil Contingencies Act</li> <li>• Citizen Safety - fires in the home, GP provision out of hrs service</li> <li>• Criminal Justice Agencies – WCC’s support to the Criminal Justice Agencies</li> <li>• Integrated Risk Management Plan</li> <li>• Licensing regulations - Changes to the Licensing regulations</li> <li>• Implementation of the Community Safety Strategy – performance management</li> </ul>

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Ensure sound governance of the County Council to provide accessible, responsive and well managed services	<b>Corporate Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Corporate ICT</b> - Consider how the County Council could be more effective in using ICT in the delivery of its services</li> <li>• <b>Corporate Property Strategic Review</b> - Consider property related solutions for a modernised local authority (PS leading)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access Strategy - Delivery of savings for Gershon</li> <li>• Customer Satisfaction - Property Services</li> <li>• Reduction in Sickness and Absence Levels</li> <li>• Corporate Governance Review of the decision making process</li> <li>• Human Resources – Post BVR</li> </ul>
To Develop and Maintain a Vibrant Local Economy which Promotes Employment and Prosperity for all	<b>Economic Development</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the impact of Rural Policy</li> <li>• The effectiveness of Regeneration</li> <li>• Review of the Relationship with the Voluntary &amp; Community Sector</li> </ul>

**Please Note**

- The above table reflects minor adjustments required to the programme since the agreement of Cabinet on the 24 February 2005.
- The changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee portfolios agreed at Council on the 17 May 2005 are reflected in the above table.
- The Health OSC will be meeting on the 15th June to decide further items for the next three years. The subject areas will be taken from reviewing the Primary Care Trusts Local Delivery Plans. Areas for consideration are:
  - Audiology,
  - Chiropody,
  - Dentistry,
  - Community Care and
  - Pharmacy
- Please note the Scrutiny topics for 2005/6 listed above form only **part** of the work programmes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The intention is not to include the complete work programme for each of the Committees but to identify the major scrutiny topics, which have been agreed by elected Members to date.
- The latest forward work programmes of Warwickshire County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committees can be viewed at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)