

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group

Date of Committee 30 April 2008

Report Title Developing the 2008/09 Overview and Scrutiny Core Work Programme

Summary The Group is asked to approve the Core Work Programme 2008/09 for submission to Council.

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No.

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

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group 30 January 2008; Cabinet 3 April 2008. Overview and Scrutiny Committees –February-March 2008
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members Councillor Richard Grant
- Cabinet Member Councillor Farnell
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sarah Duxbury
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION NO

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

To Council

13 May Council.

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

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To an Area Committee

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Further Consultation

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Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group - 30 April 2008.

Developing the 2008/09 Overview and Scrutiny Core Work Programme

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

The Group is asked to approve the elements of the Core Work Programme 2008/09 for submission to Council.

Introduction

1. The Core Work Programme 2007-08 (attached for reference as Appendix A) was agreed by Council in May 2007. It is now an appropriate point in time to consider what progress has been made and consider the issues/elements which should be included in a core work programme for 2008-09. Appendix A also sets out the progress that has been made in meeting the current core work programme.

Developing the Core Work Programme 2008-09

2. The Council agreed the Corporate Business Plan 2008-11 in March 2008 this sets seven longer term aims i.e.
 - Give every child and family the best opportunities in life and raising levels of educational attainments
 - Improve community safety and reduce fear of crime
 - Promote healthy lifestyles
 - Support older people to live independently
 - Strengthen the Warwickshire economy
 - Improve and sustain our environment
 - Strengthen our communities and celebrate our heritage
3. The Council has adopted as its top 4 priorities over the years 2008-2011
 - Raising the level of Educational Attainment
 - Caring for Older People
 - Pursuing a Sustainable Environment and Economy

- Protecting the community and making it a safer place to live
4. At its meeting on 30 January 2008 the Group recommended the inclusion of the following items in the Core Work Programme
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers Benchmarking reports
 - Directorate Performance Report Cards
 - Local Area Agreement Performance Reports
 - Medium Term Financial plan/Financial reports
 - Action Plans arising from external inspections/reports
5. Consultation has been undertaken with the Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees on any other issues that should be included with a view to making recommendations to the May Council. At the time of writing feedback is awaited from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees however the Cabinet has suggested the inclusion of the following items
- Corporate Business Plan
 - Any requirements in response to CPA (and other general audit and inspections)
 - Commissioning strategies

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Overview and Scrutiny Core Work Programme 2007-08

Issue	Lead Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Comments (Timing or other issues)	Progress
Directorate Report Cards	All	Six monthly basis	First round of Directorate report cards showing the first 6 months performance were reported to October/November cycle of Committees. End of year performance is scheduled for the June cycle of committees. It is hoped that for 2008-09 reporting can move to a quarterly cycle.
Medium Term Financial Planning	Resources Performance & Development	After publication of Corporate Business Plan and before November 2007	Resources, Performance and Development OSC considered the Council's policy on reserves at its April 2007 meeting, and the draft Capital Strategy at its September 2007 meeting.
Joint Scrutiny relating to the Local Area Agreement, Partnerships and Localities	Joint OSC bodies	LAA to be considered after first 6 months performance figures available	There was a moratorium for the first 6 months to allow the arrangements to settle. The first 6 months performance is being reported to the January 2008 cycle of Committees.
Children's Services – preparation for JAR/CPA	Children, Young People and Families	Completion by March 2008	Children, Young People and Families OSC have a report scheduled for February 2008
Home Care Services	Adult & Community Services	Completion by March 2008	Adult & Community OSC has completed a review of Home Care and its report was published in November 2007. The recommendations are out for comment and an Action Plan is scheduled for consideration in March 2008.

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Mental Health/Dementia Services for Older People	Adult & Community Services	Completion by March 2008	<p>Adult & Community Services OSC has reviewed dementia care services for older people. The report was published in October 2007 and a proposed action plan to respond to the recommendations is scheduled for February 2008.</p> <p>Health OSC has agreed to review end of life care (including for people with dementia). This review commenced in December 2007 with a projected completion date of August 2008.</p> <p>Following up from the Health OSC Review of Mental Health Phase II – the Health OSC and Adult & Community Services OSC have agreed to a joint panel to look at the outstanding issues relating to mental health provision. The exact scope and terms of reference is to be agreed but will start probably in the first half of 2008.</p>
Supporting People	Adult & Community Services	Completion by March 2008	Regular reports have been made to the Adult & Community Services Committee. Further progress reports will be made on a 6 monthly basis (next one scheduled for May 2008)