Scrutiny Committee – 12th June 2008

11. Scrutiny Work Programme

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June 2008	Front Line Councillor Grants								It was agreed as part of the budget setting process that this matter would be reviewed. The outcomes of the review will be considered by the Scrutiny Committee prior to consideration by the District Executive.	The frontline councillor grants have the potential to support the delivery of all aspects of the Corporate Plan.	Alice Knight Councillor Tim Carroll - Leader
June 2008	PCT Consultation Document re; Improving Access to Primary Care Services in Somerset								Somerset PCT have requested that the Council responds to this Consultation paper. The comments of the Scrutiny Committee will be incorporated into the Council's response.	Ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities.	David Stapleton – Corporate Director – Health and Well-Being.

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July 2008	Quarter 4 Corporate Performance Report								Scrutiny has an important role to play in the managing the authority's management. A quarterly report is submitted to District Executive and then submitted to the Scrutiny Committee the following month to provide Scrutiny Members with the opportunity to comment on the Executive response.	Deliver well managed, cost effective services valued by our customers.	Tony Johnson, Performance Officer
Sept 2008	Review impact of Equality Strategy.	1							In September 2007, members of the Scrutiny Committee agreed that a further update report should be submitted in 12 months to further update members on this important policy area.	Ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities.	Andrew Gillespie Ric Pallister – Portfolio Holder Anne Campbell – Theme Advisor

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To be confirmed – depending on government guidance	Update on Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill – Implications for Scrutiny								Members have requested that officers submit a report outlining the most significant elements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill, in relation to the Scrutiny Function	Deliver Well managed, cost effective services valued by our customers.	Emily McGuinness, Scrutiny Manager
	Review of Octagon Theatre						1		A well managed services commission is looking at the Octagon Theatre and will be submitting a progress report.	Well managed, cost effective services, valued by our customers.	Steve Joel Sylvia Seal
Date to be agreed following member and officer workshops	Draft Carbon Reduction Strategy										Vega Sturgess – Corporate Director - Environment

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Date to be confirmed	Economic Development Strategy								This strategy is currently being developed and will be considered by the Scrutiny Committee prior to consideration by the Executive.	Increase Economic Prosperity and vitality.	Andy Foyne, Head of Economic Development, Planning and Transport Councillor Peter Seib, Portfolio Holder, Economic Development, Planning and Transport.

COMMUNITY WELL BEING

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

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Housing Advice Centre						Following changes in the structure of the Housing Service, this review will resumed. There will be a presentation to the Scrutiny Committee at it's February meeting where the Portfolio Holder and officers will discuss issues surrounding Housing need. This will be vital in informing the work of this review.
Affordable Housing						

ECONOMIC VITALITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW COMMISSION

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Objective 19 Overview Commission	Geoff Clarke	Review initially commissioned in October 2006		An interim report was submitted in April 2007	Emily McGuinness, Scrutiny Manager	The Commission submitted a set of interim recommendations in April 2007. These recommendations included applying to join the Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme. We are now waiting to see the outcome of this application before progressing this review to the next stage. The Climate Change Strategy will be reported to the Scrutiny Committee as part of the policy development process.

WELL MANAGED SERVICES OVERVIEW COMMISSION

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Octagon Commission						The final report of this Commission will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee in September 2008.