

Scrutiny Committee – 14th August 2008

11. Scrutiny Work Programme 2008/09

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August 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.	Sue Eaton, Performance Projects Manager

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August 2008	Draft Carbon Reduction Strategy	✓									Vega Sturgess – Corporate Director - Environment
August 2008	Feedback from Councillor Andrew Turpin on concessionary travel fares										

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Sept 2008	Update Report on the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Pilot	✓							In January 2008, Members requested a report on the trial of the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) software and an update report on the performance of the Contact Centre be brought to Scrutiny Committee in 6 months time.		

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Sept 2008	Review impact of Equality Strategy.	✓							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
October 2008	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.

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October 2008	Final report on the Role of the Chairman Scrutiny Commission						September 2008	✓	The current Council Chairman is keen to develop the role of Chairman in order to continue to promote SSDC and civic values. This review is an opportunity for the Chairman to discuss ideas and proposals with other elected members as well as considering what other similar authorities do.	Well Managed Services valued by our customers	Lyn Lockyer/Jo Morris

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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
Date to be confirmed	Review of Octagon Theatre						✓		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

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Date to be confirmed	Tourism								Review of the future of the service.		

COMMUNITY WELL BEING

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09

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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

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						Housing need. This will be vital in informing the work of this review.
Affordable Housing						
The future of Countryside Rights of Way Service	Pat Martin Sue Steele		16 th July 2008			This commission was established for one meeting only to consider a report prior to District Executive.

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

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						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.
Foundry House	Ian Martin Pat Martin Peter Roake Tom Parsley Derek Yeomans		30 th July 2008			This commission was established for one meeting only to consider a report prior to District Executive.

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.
The Role of the Chairman	Sue Steele Ros Roderigo Roy Mills Derek Yeomans		11 th August	October	Sue Steele	The final report of this Commission will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee in October 2008.