# Scrutiny Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008

# 13. Scrutiny Work Programme 2008/09

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October 2008	Flooding – Response to the Pit Review	4							Recent rainfall events have highlighted various issues to do with flooding and, perhaps more particularly, the District Council's role and response with regard to emergency assistance. The Council's Scrutiny Committee has accordingly asked for the matter to be included on their agenda for discussion.	Promote a balanced natural and built environment	Roger Meecham, Engineer  Pam Harvey Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Manager  Councillor Jo Roundell Greene, Environment and Property

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October 2008	Tourism Service	4							At the request of the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, the Head of the Tourism Service will be making a presentation to the Committee outlining future service priorities.	Increase economic vitality and prosperity.	David Julian  Head of Countryside, Heritage and Tourism  Councillor Sylvia Seal, Portfolio Holder Leisure and Culture.
October 2008	Sort It Plus Trails – Early Findings	4							This report has come to the Scrutiny Committee at the request of the Somerset Waste Partnership	Promote a balanced natural and built environment	David Mansell, Strategy and Communications Team Leader, Somerset Waste Partnership

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October 2008	Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 1, 2008-09		4						Scrutiny has an important role to play in 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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November 2008	Economic Development Strategy	4							The new Economic Development Strategy is due to be considered by the Executive in November and so will be discussed at the October meeting of the Scrutiny Committee to allow comments to be feedback to the Executive.	Increase Economic vitality and prosperity	Andy Foyne, Head of Economic Development, Planning and Transport  Councillor Peter Seib, Portfolio Holder, Economic Development, Planning and Transport.
December 2008	Review of Octagon Theatre						4		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, Head of Sports, Arts & Leisure  Councillor Sylvia Seal, Leisure and Culture

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December 2008	Cultural Strategy	4								Ensure safe, sustainable and cohesive communities	Steve Joel, Head of Sports, Arts & Leisure  Councillor Sylvia Seal, Leisure and Culture
January 2008	A review on the procedure of the Disposal of Assets	4							This report has come to the Scrutiny Committee at the request of Scrutiny Committee members.	Increase Economic vitality and prosperity	Emily McGuinness, Scrutiny Manager

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To be confirmed – depending on government guidance	Update on Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill – Implications for Scrutiny	4							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

## **Community Well Being**

### **Annual Work Programme 2008/09**

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Affordable Housing					Councillor Tom Parsley	We now have additional Scrutiny Research officer capacity to progress this review of affordable housing. We will be looking to identify the members of this commission in mid September.

### **Economic Vitality and the Environment Overview Commission**

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There are currently no on-going reviews for this Commission.

### **Well Managed Services Overview Commission**

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Octagon Commission						The final report of this Commission will be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee when complete.
Review of the Role of Chairman of Council	To be agreed	August 2008	To be agreed	December 2008	Councillor Sue Steele	This Commission will initially look at the role of the Council Chairman, the resources available to support this role and the future of the role. It is anticipated that the commission will go on to review the role descriptions of all elected members to ensure that they accurately reflect the roles and responsibilities of our elected Councillors.