

## **Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan 2008/09**

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**Recommendation:** that the Committee considers which items it would like included in its work plan for 2008/9.

### **1. Background**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting on 14 March 2008 agreed to consult with appropriate stake holders and interested parties on what issues they felt the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be looking at in this civic year.

The Management Committee looked at all the responses received to this consultation and in considering each of the Committee's terms of reference put the responses into the work plan for the appropriate committee with a suggested priority.

The result of the committee's deliberations is at Appendix "A".

The Committee is invited to consider this appendix and indicate which issues it would like to look at this year and give a priority to the items.

### **2. Work Plan**

There will be 6 meetings of the Committees each year (including this one). It is suggested that the committee look at no more than 6 items per meeting including both information items and more in depth items.

The in depth items will be the task and finish groups. It is felt that the number of task and finish groups should be reduced this year to 6 to 8 for all the Committees to ensure that there is sufficient officer resource available. This could mean 1 or 2 task and finish groups only per committee. It is also considered that the introduction of the Councillor Call for Action later on this year will generate some in depth Scrutiny work.

It is also worth considering what balance of reviews the task and finish groups should look at in respect of internal items and external items.

**List of Appendices:** Appendix "A" – Suggestions by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on the Work Plan

Appendix "B" – Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

**List of Background Documents:** None