

**Report from Overview and Scrutiny**

Lead Members: Councillors P Connolly, Mrs Y R T Clarkson, J Kane, Mrs E Eastwood

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**Recommendation:** That the Council endorses the recommendation of the Safer and Stronger Overview and Scrutiny Committee to request J Reed MP to take up his offer of assistance in presenting the proposal for a community prison in Haverigg to the Home Office.

Since Overview and Scrutiny last reported:

**1. NDA Skills and Capability Strategy**

The Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a presentation from Mr I Hudson, Sellafield Programme Director, on the skills strategy which covers education from Science, Engineering Technology and Mathematics in Schools, Vocational training and Degrees up to PhD Masters.

Members were advised that there are 6 themes in the skills programme:

- Understanding the need
- Delivering skills and training programmes
- Providing a robust infrastructure
- Attracting and retaining the right skills
- Developing and maintaining networks
- Standards and benchmarking

The Committee was also provided with an update on the progress of the Energus site at Lillyhall. Members requested a visit to the site when it was opened in late March/early April 2009.

**2. Role of Scrutiny**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee considered a report on possible changes to Overview and Scrutiny at the Council following an informal meeting with the Council's Corporate Team.