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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2002/03 (Report of the Co-ordination Select Committee)

- 1.1 This report presents the proposed work programmes for the five select committees for 2002/03. These have been prepared by the individual select committees and adapted following discussion by the Co-ordination Select Committee, and further discussions with Chairmen and lead Directors.
- 1.2 The Co-ordination Select Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of a robust system of overview and scrutiny which reflects the key activities of:-
  - Developing and reviewing policy
  - Holding the Executive to account
- 1.3 The work programme is not intended to be an exhaustive list of issues to be dealt with through the year but it should provide the framework for the major pieces of work planned by each select committee. Additional work may be identified and carried out by select committees subject to time and resource constraints.
- 1.4 The Annexe to this report presents the outline Work Programme for each select committee.

## **Policy Advisory Groups**

1.5 In addition to the work programme, the Co-ordination Select Committee has established two time-limited Policy Advisory Groups to conduct in-depth policy investigations and make recommendations to the Executive. The Groups will investigate Housing Strategy and Unauthorised Traveller Encampments. These groups will experiment with new ways of gathering evidence and will provide opportunities to strengthen the policy development role of overview and scrutiny members.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the overview and scrutiny work programme for 2002/03 be approved as set out in the Annexe.

<u>Background Papers</u> Reports to Select Committees March 2002

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