

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION
28 OCTOBER 2010**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to invite Members of the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Commission to consider and suggest review items for the Commission's draft indicative work programme for 2011/12, which is attached at Appendix 1 to this report. The indicative work programme will be included in the 2010/11 Annual Report of O&S, along with the indicative programme for each O&S Panel. The Panels are considering their programmes during the current round of Panel meetings. The overall work programme for O&S will be adopted by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission having formally consulted the Corporate Management Team and the Executive thereon, as required by the Council's Constitution.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission considers the Commission's draft indicative work programme for 2011/12.**

Background Papers

None

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Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny in 2011/12

The work programme for Overview and Scrutiny in 2011/12 is aimed at maintaining a strategic and coordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity, of direct and significant interest to residents. The programme incorporates the routine, on-going work of Overview and Scrutiny and the completion of reviews currently underway. It proposes a limited number of new Overview and Scrutiny reviews which are seen to be timely, relevant, significant and likely to add value.

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| 1. | Co-ordination of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels |
| 2. | Routine monitoring of the performance of the Council's corporate functions To include: the Corporate Performance Overview Reports; the Performance Monitoring Reports of the Chief Executive's Office and the Corporate Services Department; progressing the regeneration of Bracknell Town Centre; and progress on strategic risk management. |
| 3. | Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan |
| 4. | 2012/13 Budget Scrutiny To review the Council's budget proposals for 2012/13, and plans for future years. Overview and Scrutiny Panels will also scrutinise the budget proposals in their departmental areas. |
| 5. | Crime and Disorder Committee To carry out the role of statutory 'Crime and Disorder Committee'. |
| 6. | Sustaining Economic Prosperity To review the service plans and performance for the Council's Priority 6, to sustain the economic prosperity of the Borough during the current economic downturn. |

Notes

This programme may need to be amended to meet new requirements arising during the year.

The programme provisionally excludes scrutiny of the Bracknell Forest (Local Strategic) Partnership, but this will be reviewed in the event that resources for O&S Officer support for a continuation of Partnership scrutiny are identified.