

**Scrutiny Sub-Committee for  
Promoting Strong, Healthy and  
Safe Communities**



**6 December 2004**

**Work Programme**

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**Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Members of the Sub-Committee about the work programme for the Sub-Committee.

**Background**

2. The Work Programme provides the opportunity to plan the work of the Sub-Committee. The programme, however, does change in response to new issues which arise. The Work Programme, therefore, provides a guide in terms of forward planning and project management. The timing of projects in the programme constantly needs to be adjusted.

**Current position**

3. There is a separate report on the agenda for this meeting about progress on the Fear of Crime project.
4. A further review of the Aids and Adaptations project has now been included in the work programme as requested by Members. Also included on the agenda for this meeting is a report about a recent County Durham Service Users and Carers Forum which was attended by Overview and Scrutiny members.

**Recommendations**

5. You are recommended to note the current Work Programme. Details of challenges in the Strategic Vision and identified by scrutiny members earlier in 2004 as areas for possible scrutiny investigation are attached for information.

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**SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR  
PROMOTING STRONG, HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES**

**DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME**

**February 2004 – May 2005**

<b>CALENDAR</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>		<b>REVIEW</b>
<b>2004</b>			
February			Carrier Bag Culture <input type="checkbox"/>
March		Regular Performance Management	
April			Aids and Adaptations
May			
June		Regular Performance Management	
July	Fear of Crime		
August			
September		Regular Performance Management	
October			
November			
December		Regular Performance Management	Minding the Gap
<b>2005</b>			
January			Aids and Adaptations
February			Sickness Absence
March		Regular Performance Management	
April			
May			

= Completed

**PROJECTS SUGGESTED AT THE DEVELOPMENT SESSION ON  
5 JANUARY 2004**

**COMMUNITIES SUB-COMMITTEE**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>WHY</b>	<b>OUTCOME SOUGHT</b>
<b>1. Fear of Crime</b>	Impact on most residents.	Co-operation with partners  Seek to change community attitude and responsibility.
<b>2. Support and Services for Vulnerable Adults</b>	Response to White Paper.	Pattern of services to be provided by DCC.
<b>3. Children's Services Review</b>	Proximity of Green Paper.	Beacon status provider.
<b>4. Modernising Services for Older People</b>	Lack of re-visiting previous working group report.	To be reviewed on a six monthly basis.

**County Durham Strategic Vision Challenges**

**Challenge 6**

Build a strong voluntary and community sector with the capacity to encourage and support local people in making decisions that affect their lives and to expand social enterprises and voluntary organisations.

**Challenge 9**

Take a radical approach to housing and neighbourhood renewal by replacing and improving housing, providing sites for new homes and developing innovative regeneration initiatives to promote sustainable communities.

**Challenge 10**

Improve health to match the national average, by tackling the underlying causes of poor health – poverty and unemployment, housing and environment, lifestyles and access to services.

**Challenge 11**

Provide seamless and integrated services to promote healthy, safe, caring, diverse and socially balanced communities with equality and access to services at their heart.