

30 July 2004

Work Programme

Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To up-date 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. Under the Council's Constitution, the Sub-Committee, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Main Committee, sets its work programme.
- 3 The Budget Working Group has, at a very early stage, started to consider Budget issues for this financial year. A discussion has taken place with Stuart Crowe, County Treasurer and Kingsley Smith, the Chief Executive. This has provided the opportunity to have an overview of the broad budget position moving forward. A general presumption from the Scrutiny Members has been that any Council Tax increase next year would be broadly in line with inflation. The Senior Officers from the County Council have explained the pressures on the Council's budget which will need to be managed next year.
- 4 A discussion with the Education Service took place on the 20th July. A useful discussion took place about the out-turn for the last financial year, issues arising in the current financial year and the prospects for the next financial year. The discussions with the Education Service were not completed and will need to be concluded at a future meeting. The Budget Working Group will need to consider its future work programme for budget discussions.
- 5 The Scrutiny Training Assessment Group has reviewed progress in relation to Member development.
- 6 The Sub-Committee might like to consider whether, in addition to the Budget, a further area should be investigated.

Recommendations

- 7 You are recommended to consider the Work Programme for the Sub-Committee.

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SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR CORPORATE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

WORK PROGRAMME

JANUARY 2003 – OCTOBER 2004

CALENDAR	PROJECT	REVIEW
2003		
January		
February	Auditor's Management letter	Corporate Complaints
March		
April		
May		
June	Budget – Social Services	
July		
August		
September		
October	Overall budget review	
November	Internal Audit Report Corporate Priorities Review.	
December		
2004		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		Member Training and Development
July	Budget-Education	Performance Management
August		
September	Budget-Social Care & Health	
October		

POSSIBLE MENU OF TOPICS

- Support for Voluntary Sector in Achieving the Council's Aims.
- Arrangements to maximise funding and resources available for community development work.
- A review of public involvement.
- **From external auditor** – partnerships.
- **From Corporate Management Performance Review** –
Percentage of authority buildings accessible to the disabled.

Percentage of interactions with the public capable of electronic service delivery.

Risk assessment arrangements (reported to Main Committee – 14th May)

CORPORATE PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

- Equalities and Diversity
- Customer Services Strategy