

**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

**ACTION PLAN**

**2008 – 2010**

## OWNERSHIP OF PROCESS

Project No.	Project	Assigned To	Target Date
1	Encourage Scrutiny Members to attend Executive Meetings		
2	Encourage liaison between Scrutiny Sub-Comm. Chairs and relevant Portfolio Holder		
3	Publicise Scrutiny Protocol to all Members and Officers		
4	Encourage both Leader of the Council and Chairman of Scrutiny to champion Scrutiny process		
5	Put in place a properly resourced Scrutiny Function which is "fit for purpose"		

## CRITICAL FRIEND CHALLENGE

Project No.	Project	Assigned To	Target Date
6	Introduce formal monitoring of recommendation implementation		
7	Facilitate greater O/S involvement in the budgeting process		
8	Provide better evidence for the influence of O/S over the Executive		
9	Improve "Challenge" to Executive Members to report progress against priorities		
10	Demonstrate impact on Cabinet Agenda		

## REFLECTING COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Project No.	Project	Assigned To	Target Date
11	Improve public engagement/attendance at O/S meetings		
12	Develop Joint O/S processes at local level		
13	Ensure O/S addresses Equality/Diversity and Community Cohesion		
14	Develop structured links between O/S and LSP'S and LAA		
15	Innovative use of Communications/Meetings with Community/Target groups		

## IMPACT ON SERVICE DELIVERY

Project No.	Project	Assigned To	Target Date
16	Better promotion of O/S through improved utilisation of media		
17	Highlight and monitor successes and improvements		
18	Raise awareness of O/S involvement in performance planning and target setting		
19	Ensure O/S recommendations are acted upon		
20	Develop improved mechanisms to evaluate outcomes		