

Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny in 2008/09

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION	
Current and Planned Work	
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 monitor the performance of the Chief Executive's Office and the Corporate Services department. To include the Bracknell Town Centre regeneration and the building of the new Civic Hub.
3.	Audit Issues To include the review of plans and the reports of both internal and external audit.
4.	Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan
5.	Periodic review of the Council's strategic risk management arrangements
6.	Working Group on the Local Area Agreement To continue the on-going review of the new Local Area Agreement and the activities of the Bracknell Forest (Local Strategic) Partnership
7.	2009/10 Budget Scrutiny Note – each of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels will also scrutinise the budget proposals in their departmental areas.
Prospective Reviews to be considered when resources are available	
8.	Review of the Council's Reorganisation To review the delivery of the Council's reorganisation from three Service Departments to two in April 2008.

SOCIAL CARE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	
Current and Planned Work	
1.	Monitoring the performance of the Social Care and Learning department, including the implementation of the action plan for Adult Social Care.
2.	Monitoring the action taken by the Executive to earlier reports by the Panel This would include a review of action taken in response to the O&S report on Anti-Social Behaviour

3.	Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan
4.	Budget Scrutiny To review the 2009/10 budget proposals for the Social Care and Learning department.
5.	Carers To complete the work of the working group undertaking a detailed review of the Council's arrangements for carers.
6.	Social Care Modernisation Agenda To complete the work of the working group undertaking a detailed review of the Council's implementation of the social care modernisation agenda, with particular reference to services for adults with learning disabilities.
7.	Refreshed Children and Young People Plan 2007 To complete the work of the working group reviewing the refreshed Children and Young People Plan with particular reference to 'English as an Additional Language' (EAL).
8.	Extended Services/Children's Centres To complete the work of the working group undertaking a detailed review of Extended Services/Children's Centres jointly with the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
Prospective Reviews to be considered when resources are available	
9.	Care Homes To resume the work of the working group on Care Homes in the Borough.
10.	14-19 Years Plan To review the implementation of a major element of the plan (to be determined).
11.	Transport A strategic review of the procurement and provision of transport used by the Social Care and Learning Department.
ENVIRONMENT CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	
Current and Planned Work	
1.	Monitoring the performance of the Environment Culture and Communities Department This will include monitoring the implementation of the Supporting People action plan.
2.	Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan

3.	<p>Budget Scrutiny</p> <p>To review the 2009/10 budget proposals for the Environment Culture and Communities department.</p>
4.	<p>Contributing to the development of the Community Arts Development Plan</p>
5.	<p>Strategic review of waste</p> <p>To complete the work of the working group undertaking the review of the new waste Private Finance Initiative Re3 contract and the experience of the first year of Alternate Bin Collection.</p>
6.	<p>Street cleaning / street scene</p> <p>To complete the work of the working group undertaking a detailed review of the Council's performance in this area.</p>
7.	<p>Housing Strategy</p> <p>To review the Council's draft Housing Strategy and produce a response during the public consultation period.</p>
<p>Prospective Reviews to be considered when resources are available</p>	
8.	<p>Residential Parking</p> <p>To review issues concerning residential parking in the Borough, and to contribute to the formation of new policy.</p>
9.	<p>The Council's Housing Functions</p> <p>Depending on the outcome of the review of the Housing Strategy (7 above), and consequent on the transfer of the Council's housing stock, to review the Council's housing role, including the interface with Registered Social Landlords and addressing the Borough's needs for Affordable Housing.</p>
10.	<p>Climate Change and the Nottingham Declaration</p> <p>To review progress on implementing the actions flowing from the Council signing the Nottingham Declaration and in applying the new performance indicators set by government.</p>
11.	<p>Section 106 Arrangements</p> <p>To review the arrangements for securing and applying receipts from Section 106 agreements.</p>
12.	<p>Road Traffic Casualties (Part 2)</p> <p>The May 2008 report of the working group on the review of road traffic casualties has recommended that the panel consider, as a low priority, reviewing the operational issues connected with the reduction of road traffic casualties in the Borough.</p>

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	
Current and Planned Work	
1.	Monitoring the implementation of the Borough's Health & Well-Being Strategy
2.	Monitoring the Berkshire East Primary Care Trust's budget for health care in the Borough
3.	<p>Extended Services/Children's Centres</p> <p>To complete the work of the working group undertaking a detailed review of Extended Services/Children's Centres jointly with the Social Care and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel.</p>
4.	<p>Patient focus</p> <p>To continue the work of the working group undertaking a detailed review centred on General Practitioner services.</p>
5.	<p>Berkshire East PCT's Performance</p> <p>In conjunction with the Joint East Berkshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, monitoring the performance of the Berkshire East PCT</p>
6.	<p>Annual 'Health Check' process</p> <p>Contributing to the annual 'Health Check' process and responding to consultations by the PCT and NHS Trusts operating in the Borough.</p>
7. (New)	<p>The PCT's New Commissioning Strategy</p> <p>To monitor the Berkshire East PCT's Commissioning Strategy, following the 'Right Care Right Place' consultation.</p>
Prospective Reviews to be considered when resources are available	
8.	<p>Maternity Services</p> <p>To review the quality and operations of maternity services in the Borough, with reference to the latest Healthcare Commission's assessment that Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals Trust give a 'fair performing' service.</p>

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