

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15 January 2008

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10. WORK PROGRAMME 2007/08

'D' RECOMMENDATION - that this report be used as a basis for recommending future work of the Council's new scrutiny committees.

1.0 Purpose/Summary of Report

1.1 This report identifies some items that the Community Scrutiny Committee might wish to scrutinise in the second half of 2007/08.

2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Objectives

2.1 All issues identified for scrutiny will relate to at least one of the Council's corporate objectives.

2.2 Effective use of the scrutiny process contributes to the Council's ability to "Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation". (Fit for purpose, services fit for you); and "Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public" (Leading the way, working together).

3.0 Report

3.1 Following a restructuring of the Council's scrutiny arrangements a meeting will be held prior to the commencement of this meeting to identify potential scrutiny activities and establish to which committee they will be allocated.

3.2 Items already identified as falling within the jurisdiction of Community Scrutiny are shown at Appendix A (page 10.3).

5.0 Consultation

5.1 None.

6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 According to the Council's Constitution, the scrutiny committees are responsible for setting their own work programme in consultation with the Executive and in doing so, they should take into account wishes of Members on that committee who are not Members of the largest political group on the Council.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8.0 Human Resource Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

9.1 Matters which may benefit from scrutiny may be overlooked. The selection of inappropriate topics for review would risk inefficient use of resources. Where this involved partners it could risk damaging the reputation of the council and relations with partners.

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Proposed Community Scrutiny Committee Timetable 2007/08

Meeting Date	Topic
22 April 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leisure Contract Jan - March 08• Community Safety Action Plan - Report• Annual Report of Scrutiny <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Strategy Progress - Monitoring• Community Voice Action Plan - Monitoring• Cultural Strategy Action Plan - Monitoring
May 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Healthcheck Jan -Mar 08• 2008/09 Corporate Plan• CPA Improvement Oct – March (needs to go to CMT first before Members)• Annual Report of the Council <p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2007/08 Corporate Plan & Service Plans