

**SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2008/09****Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Democratic****Wards Affected**

County-wide

**Purpose**

1. To consider a Scrutiny Development Plan for 2008/09.

**Financial Implications**

2. Not identified but will have to be accommodated within existing budgets.

**Background**

3. A Scrutiny Improvement Plan was previously put in place in June 2006 and the actions in the main completed by June 2007. An informal meeting of Members of the Committee took place in April 2008 at which possible elements of a further scrutiny development plan for 2008/09 were discussed.
4. A summary of the principal views expressed at that informal meeting is appended together with a draft development plan. The draft plan is based around the four principles of good scrutiny as defined by the Centre for Public Scrutiny. The Plan reflects areas where it is recommended to continue to develop and improve on arrangements already in place, some areas which it was thought worth revisiting to see if development could take place and several new areas.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Committee considers whether it wishes to adopt the Scrutiny Development Plan 2008/09 as appended to the report.**

**Background Papers**

- None