

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>30 NOVEMBER 2009</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>WORK PROGRAMME</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MANAGER (SCRUTINY)</b>

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide.

### **Purpose**

To consider the Committee's work programme.

### **Recommendation**

**THAT subject to any comment or issues raised by the Committee the Committee work programme be approved and reported to the Strategic Monitoring Committee.**

### **Introduction and Background**

1. As reported to this Committee in July work has been ongoing in response to the findings of the external healthcheck of the scrutiny function, undertaken by the Leadership Centre. Members of the Scrutiny Committees and the Executive participated in a facilitated scrutiny event to develop an enhanced external focus to the scrutiny committee work programme reflecting the concerns of residents and communities of Herefordshire. After considering the challenges facing the County and key issues identified from public consultation and surveys Members identified the following five priorities for scrutiny: Housing related issues; Youth; Communication; Safeguarding and Transport related issues. The Strategic Monitoring Committee has allocated these topics to the relevant Scrutiny Committees. The Strategic Monitoring Committee also requested that all Scrutiny Committees re-examine their current work programmes to ensure that matters listed for future consideration remain appropriate subjects for scrutiny.
2. In parallel with this work Members of this Committee have met informally to review the existing work programme and agreed that until May 2011 the main focus of the work programme will be on promoting population health. A revised work programme is appended.
3. The programme may be modified by the Chairman following consultation with the Vice-Chairman and the Director in response to changing circumstances.

4. Should any urgent, prominent or high profile issue arise, the Chairman may consider calling an additional meeting to consider that issue.
5. Should Members become aware of any issues they consider may be added to the scrutiny programme they should contact the Directorate Services Officer (Health) to log the issue so that it may be taken into consideration when planning future agendas or when revising the work programme.

## **Background Papers**

- None identified.