Herefordshire Council

MEETING:	COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	7 DECEMBER 2009
TITLE OF REPORT:	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT BY:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

To consider the Committee's work programme.

Recommendation

THAT

a) **the Committee re-examine the current work programme to ensure that matters listed for future consideration remain appropriate subjects for scrutiny; and**

b) **subject to any other 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 September, 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.

2. Strategic Monitoring Committee on 19 October requested that all Scrutiny Committees re-examine their current work programmes to ensure that matters listed for future consideration remain appropriate subjects for scrutiny.

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3. The programme may be modified by the Chairman following consultation with the Vice-Chairman and the Directors 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 Democratic Services Officer 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.