

## WORK PROGRAMME

**Report By: Director of Corporate and Customer Services**

### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

1. To consider the Committee's work programme.

### Background

2. As reported to the Committee in January, this Committee last approved a work programme for itself on 15th April, 2005. This incorporated items identified as requiring periodic monitoring and attention and it was envisaged that this would be added to as required. The Programme was subsequently augmented by the inclusion of reviews of the Strategic Service Delivery Partnership and ICT Services.
3. The Committee was informed at that time of the work in hand to agree a new suite of reports to Cabinet and the Committee and the Committee has subsequently received the Integrated Performance Report.
4. The Committee was also informed last year that the Annual Operating Plan itself could be used to identify priorities for scrutiny to focus upon in the current year to add both to this Committee's work programme and those of the other scrutiny Committees. This approach has still to be developed. The Plan appears elsewhere on this agenda.
5. At the time of drafting this report the Council's Improvement Plan in response to the Corporate Assessment made as part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment is still under discussion with the Audit Commission. A number of items for the Committee's consideration may arise from this Plan. As reported to the Committee in January, the Corporate Assessment contains a number of comments upon the role of the scrutiny function, noting in particular a need for an increased focus on performance management.
6. Similarly, although the Chairman of the Committee has now indicated that he would expect performance against the Joint Area Review Improvement Plan to be principally monitored by the Childrens' Services Scrutiny Committee there may be need to report on some issues to this Committee once the Plan has been approved.
7. One further matter to note is that it is expected that the future role of Councillors and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the processes involved with the Herefordshire Community Strategy will be subject to further discussion in the light of emerging advice from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM). It has, however, been agreed that Cabinet and the Strategic Monitoring Committee will review progress upon the three-year Action Plan and roll it forward on an annual basis.
8. The Committee is asked to consider how it wishes to develop its work programme.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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