

**Cheltenham Borough Council**  
**Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee -**  
**8<sup>th</sup> June, 2006**  
**Committee Work Plan 2006-2007**  
**Report of the Strategic Director Social and Community**

**1. Executive Summary and recommendation**

**1.1 The issue**

**1.1.1** The committee needs to agree a work plan for 2006-07 which reflects the council's agreed business plan priorities, whilst leaving sufficient headroom to respond to urgent issues through the year.

**1.1.2** A frequent criticism of Overview and Scrutiny Committees has stemmed from the temptation to tackle too many issues, inevitably in too little depth to satisfy any real purpose, and much of the best work has been undertaken in dedicated smaller working groups.

**1.1.3** Members need to be aware of the limited resources at their and officers' disposal and prioritise their activities accordingly.

**1.1.4** Council approved the 'Our Actions 2006-07' document on 27<sup>th</sup> March; an extract detailing the actions relevant to the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee is attached as Appendix A to guide members in identifying actions for this year. I have also attached a pro-forma (Appendix B) which should help to capture members' suggestions at the meeting.

**1.2 I therefore recommend that the committee agree a work plan for 2006-07 based on the Council's agreed business plan.**

**1.3 Summary of Implications**

**1.3.1 Financial** The committee has no financial resources to support its programme of activity.

**1.3.2 Legal** None arising from this report.

**1.3.3 Human Resources** Officer support for the committee comes primarily from the Democratic Services Unit and the officers of the Social and Community Group.

**1.4 Implications on corporate and community plan priorities**

**1.4.1** It is vital that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work plans are linked to the council's business plan and help to deliver the corporate objectives.

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## 1.5 Statement on risk

1.5.1 There is no direct impact on the corporate risk register.

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<b>Background papers</b>	Our Actions 2006-07. Report to Council 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2006.
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