

Cheltenham Borough Council
Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee -
7th June, 2007
Committee Work Plan 2007-2008
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

1. Executive Summary and recommendation

1.1 The Council has recently approved its business plan 2007-10. Extracts from its action plan relevant to this Committee are attached as Appendix A.

1.2 The Committee needs to agree a workplan for 2007-08 which reflects the relevant priorities of the business plan. Appendix B sets out details of the planned meetings for 2007/08, items which have already been scheduled and a list of other items which have not yet been scheduled.

Members are reminded that the Committee has in the past been accused of over-ambitious agendas, which, combined with limited resources, has resulted at times in too many issues being considered in too little depth.

1.3 It might be helpful for members to consider what has worked well and what has worked less well over the past twelve months. For instance:

- Have presentations by Registered Social Landlords been helpful?
- Have presentations by external agencies funded by the Council been helpful?
- Is it constructive to devote most of the meeting to a single issue, e.g. St. Pauls in November, or Children's Services in March?
- Did the budget and business-planning sessions add value?
- Have the ad hoc working groups been successful?

1.4 I recommend that the Committee considers the questions in 1.3 and agrees a work plan for 2007-08 based on the Council's agreed business plan.

1.5 Summary of Implications

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

1.5.2 Legal None arising from this report.

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

1.6 Implications on corporate and community plan priorities

1.6.1 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.

1.7 Statement on risk

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

Background papers	Our Actions 2007-10. Report to Council 26 th March, 2007.
Contact Officer	Chris Huckle, Deputy Chief Executive, 01242 264201, Chris.Huckle@cheltenham.gov.uk Ruth Kenrick, Democratic Services Officer, 01242 775153, Ruth.Kenrick@cheltenham.gov.uk
Accountability	Leader of the Council
Scrutiny function	Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee