

Cheltenham Borough Council
Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee -
5th June, 2008
Committee Work Plan 2008-2009
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

1. Executive Summary and recommendation

- 1.1** The Council has recently approved its 2008-09 action plans for its three-year business plan. The plan comprises 10 community aims, sub-divided into ambitions. The 39 separate ambitions contained in the action plans are attached as Appendix A. Not all are relevant to this committee.
- 1.2** The Committee needs to agree a workplan for 2008-09 which reflects the relevant priorities of the business plan. Appendix B sets out details of the planned meetings for 2008/09, 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 external agencies funded by the Council been helpful?
 - Is it constructive to devote most of the meeting to a single issue, e.g. Culture in October?
 - Did the budget and business-planning sessions add value?
 - Would it be helpful to receive regular updates from the County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on which Councillor Penny Hall represents this Council?

- 1.4 I recommend that the Committee considers the questions in 1.3 and agrees a work plan for 2008-09 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 Plans for 2008/09. Report to Council 17 th March, 2008.
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Accountability	Leader of the Council.
Scrutiny function	Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.