

Cheltenham Borough Council
Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee
– 10th June 2009

Committee Work Plan 2009-2010

Report of the Strategic Director Environment

1. Executive Summary and recommendation

1.1 The Council has recently approved its 2009-10 action plans for its three-year business plan 2007-10 and Members are asked to bring a copy to the meeting (Appendix A available electronically through the attached link <http://tivoli.cheltenham.gov.uk/committeeminutes/meeting.asp?meetingID=908>) The plan comprises 10 community aims, sub-divided into ambitions. The 33 separate ambitions contained in the action plans are not all relevant to this Committee.

1.2 The Committee needs to agree a workplan for 2009-10 which reflects the relevant priorities of the business plan. Appendix B sets out details of the planned meetings for 2009/10, 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. Children and Young People in April 2009?
- 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?
- Has the use of external venues been effective?

1.4 **I recommend that the Committee considers the questions in 1.3 and agrees a work plan for 2009-10 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 30 th March, 2009.
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Scrutiny function	Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.