

# ***Discussion Paper***

## **Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**9 May 2011**

### **Work Planning 2011-2012**

#### **Background**

- 1.1** At the meeting of the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 28 February 2011 Members supported the proposal by the Chair to have a detailed discussion of the work plan 2011-2012 and that this would be placed at the forefront of the agenda.

#### **Progress to date**

- 1.2** The Chair of Social and Community Overview & Scrutiny discussed informally with the relevant Directors and Service Managers how scrutiny can best add value in assisting the delivery of the outcomes outlined in the Corporate Strategy 2010-2015 under the community objectives of Strengthening our communities and Enhancing the provision of arts and culture:

- Communities feel safe and are safe
- People have access to decent and affordable housing
- People are able to lead healthy lifestyles
- Our residents enjoy a strong sense of community and are involved in resolving local issues
- Arts and culture are used as a means to strengthen communities, strengthen the economy and enhance and protect our environment (cross cutting)
- The council delivers improved outcomes for customers and communities whilst meeting our 'Bridging the Gap' targets for cashable savings and increased income

- 1.3** The draft work plan 2011-2012 for the Committee is attached at Appendix 1. Members are asked to review the items scheduled and are invited to propose future items.

- 1.4** Committee working groups already established, as well as Cabinet working groups within the remit of the Committee are listed in Appendix 2 for information.

## Next Steps

### 1.5 Members are therefore asked to :

- examine the proposed scrutiny topics and approve the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny work plan 2011-2012
- suggest further topics for investigation
- where necessary appoint members to working groups where one does not exist

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<b>Appendices</b>	1. Draft work plan 2011-2012 2. List of existing Committee and Cabinet working groups
<b>Background Papers</b>	2010-2015 Corporate Strategy
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