

Audit & Best Value Scrutiny Committee – 2006 / 2007 programme

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Item	Objectives / notes	Action
Standing items		
Announcements	<p>Update on any matter of significant public or member concern not on the agenda elsewhere. Any significant achievements and threats are highlighted.</p> <p>These will only be items for information otherwise they would appear as an agenda item.</p>	All meetings
Quarterly Performance Monitoring reports against the Council Plan.	<p>These reports provide a summary of the Council's performance for the parts of the Council within the committee's terms of reference. The reports identify which targets are BVPIs (Best Value performance Indicators) and CPA (Comprehensive Performance Assessment) indicators. Key service targets assessed as red or amber are included in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber (where there is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance measure by the end of the year) together with recommendations for action • Red (where the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable). <p>The report also details progress with all PSA (Public Service Agreement) targets within the committee's terms of reference.</p>	Scrutiny / Performance All meetings except September
Forward Plan	A <i>snapshot</i> of the Council's Forward Plan is appended to each committee agenda. The purpose is to enable members to identify and highlight relevant issues for scrutiny. Options for dealing with items identified include:	All Meetings Committee Services

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Audit items		
Internal Audit Progress Report	<p>Quarterly report which includes a summary of key findings from completed audits, highlights significant control issues and reports on delivery of the audit plan and internal audit services' performance against its KPI's.</p> <p>To include comment on sharing information from internal audit progress reports with other scrutiny review boards and committees. Very often the presentation will include responses to specific questions raised at previous committees.</p>	Duncan Savage – all meetings
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Best Value Review of a Strategy for a Joint Waste Authority	Final report	Cllr Tutt
Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPs)	Consideration of the County Council's performance in relation to BVPs – BV 008, BV 156 and the corporate health BVPs. (Incorporated into the quarterly monitoring report)	Duncan Savage Caroline Manning
The Shared Priorities Group / Peer Review	<p>Peer Review 25 - 29 September: incorporated the work on the shared priorities group in the self assessment preceding the review visit. The final report on the Peer Review is due in December 2006. An interim report will outline proposals for improving scrutiny immediately arising from both the Peer review recommendations and a number of awaydays held by scrutiny committees.</p> <p>The Shared Priorities Group was established to help prepare for the next Corporate Assessment (CA) as part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). The work of the Group will be at the core of the preparations together with the outcome of the Peer Review. The CA is confirmed for June 2007. A more detailed report covering all the preparations for the Corporate Assessment will be submitted to the next meeting for scrutiny.</p>	<p>Becky Shaw Amanda Watson</p> <p>March 2007</p>

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Future items		
Best value review promoting sustainable communities	Consideration of the need to look at a phase 2 review.	Becky Shaw
Best Value Review arising from the IDEA Peer Review	Following publication of the full report of the Peer Review, consideration will be given to whether an appropriate best value review should be established.	Becky Shaw Andrew Ogden
The County Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector	Update on a review of voluntary sector partnerships being managed by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee.	Becky Shaw
Executive Best Value Review of Transport Services	Update on progress with the review. N.B. This review is being undertaken solely by the Executive with the opportunity for scrutiny members to feed into the review.	Paul Dean, Project Manager

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