

Committee: **Scrutiny Committee for Education and Libraries**

Date: **8 March 2005**

By: **Director of Law and Performance Management**

Title: **Programme of potential scrutiny topics**

Purpose: **To develop a programme of topics for potential scrutiny by the new committee following the elections**

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**RECOMMENDATION – to consider and agree the attached programme of topics for potential scrutiny for consideration by the new committee following the elections**

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## **1. Background**

1.1 In order to assist the new scrutiny committee(s) following the elections, the Chairman of the Education and Libraries Scrutiny Committee asked the Scrutiny Lead Officer (SLO) to draw up a list of topics for potential scrutiny.

1.2 A draft of this list has already been circulated to members, who were asked for their views on the topics. The SLO has consulted with committee members and officers and drawn up the attached programme for consideration by this committee. The programme includes the area of scrutiny; which members support the topic; and comment by officers. For each topic the SLO recommends the date of the committee meeting at which the service would present a position report. Members can then decide whether further scrutiny is necessary, and what form this might take.

1.3 The programme is not exclusive and will not prevent other topics being considered at future meetings.

1.4 Members should note that the structure of scrutiny committees may change after the election. This decision will be made at the first County Council meeting on 24 May. However, a programme of topics for potential scrutiny will assist the relevant committees, whatever structures are adopted for scrutiny.

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