



# Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**Subject Heading:**

Committee's Work Programme

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**Policy context:**

To agree the Committee's work  
programme for the 2011/12 municipal  
year.

**Financial summary:**

None – overview and scrutiny work will be  
covered by existing resources.

## The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### SUMMARY

At this stage of the municipal year the Committee needs, so far as is practicable, to agree its work programme for the forthcoming year. This applies to both the work

plan for the Committee as a whole and to the subject of any topic group run under the Committee's auspices.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the Committee agree its work programme for the 2011/12 municipal year.

## **REPORT DETAIL**

Shown in the schedule at the end of the report is a list of Cabinet reports due for review by the Committee and a draft initial work programme for the Committee's four remaining meetings during the municipal year (this does not include the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held in January to consider the Council's budget). This has been drawn up by officers following initial discussions with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the Committee may wish to add updates on some or all of the Cabinet reports to the work plan for the relevant future meeting.

Arrangements are being made with Lead OSC officers from each of the relevant departments to brief the Committee on their role and on any forthcoming issues that they wish to bring to the Committee for scrutiny.

Members will note that a significant proportion of the work plan has been left blank at this stage. This is to reflect the fact that Members may well wish to select further issues for scrutiny in light of the briefings they are given by officers. In addition, previous experience has shown that it is beneficial to leave some excess capacity for scrutiny in order to allow the Committee to respond fully to any consultations or other urgent issues that may arise during the year.

Additionally, the Committee has the power to select an issue for more in depth scrutiny as part of a topic group review. Council has recommended that, in view of limited resources, only one such topic group is run at any one time. The Committee is therefore requested to consider what should be the subject of its next topic group review if any.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

### **Financial implications and risks:**

None – it is anticipated that the work of the Committee can be supported from existing resources.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

None.

### **Human Resources implications and risks:**

None.

### **Equalities implications and risks:**

None although one outcome of effective health scrutiny will be to reduce health inequalities for Havering residents.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

## Draft Work Programme for Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting 1 (4 Oct 11)	Meeting 2 (24 Nov 11)	Meeting 3 (14 Feb 12)	Meeting 4 (2 May 12)
Performance information	Performance information	Performance information	Performance information
	Havering Strategic Partnership (Referred from Partnership OSC)		Committee Annual Report

### List of Cabinet Reports relating to the Committee

1. Re-design of Communications Centre Services, incorporating Telecare. Date for Review: **12 months after implementation**
2. Appointment of Joint Director of Public Health. Date for Review: **January 2011**
3. Developing the Council's Corporate Business Planning Process 2010-13. Date for Review: **October 2010**
4. Review of Senior Management Structure following New Guidance on Safeguarding. Date for Review: **12 months (from October 2009) in conjunction with officers**
5. Corporate Asset Management Plan. Date for Review: **November 2010**
6. VNMS Extension of Agency Staff Contract. Date for Review: **12 months after contract renewal**