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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:	Committee's Work Programme
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Policy context:	To agree the Committee's work programme for the 2013/14 municipal year.

SUMMARY

At this stage of the municipal year the Committee is required, 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

That the Committee agree its work programme for 2013/14 municipal year.

REPORT DETAIL

Shown in the schedule at the end of the report is a draft work programme for the Committee's five meetings during the municipal year (this does not include the Joint Overview and Scrutiny meeting to consider the Council's budget). Officers have also suggested some options for the work programme which the Committee may wish to consider.

Members will note that a significant proportion of the workplan should be left blank at this stage. This is to reflect the fact that Members may well wish to select further issues for scrutiny. 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