

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2003 / 04**

*Report of the County Secretary*

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To consider the items outlined for possible scrutiny by the Scrutiny Committee.

**2. Summary**

This report sets out the current issues being considered by the Scrutiny Committee plus items put forward by Committee Members, which the Committee is invited to include on its Work Programme for 2003 / 04 but will not preclude Members raising other issues over the course of the year.

## **1. Proposed Work Programme**

- a) Best Value Performance Plan Promises
- b) Best Value Review Programme 2003 – 2004 - due to be considered on 20 March 2003
- c) Best Value Review Monitoring Update - due to be considered on 19 June 2003
- d) Budget Monitoring Process – Updated budget considered at each meeting.

## **2. Suggested Additions to the Work Programme**

Members of the Resources, Prosperity, Partnership and Consultation Scrutiny Committee were invited to suggest items that should be considered to be included in the Committee's work programme and the following suggestions have been received to date:-

- i) Issues arising from the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (C P A) [Bob Mays]
- ii) Review of the new Council Structure - strengthening engagement with the public [Ian Laidlaw – Dickson]
- iii) The Effectiveness of HCC in Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships [Ian Laidlaw – Dickson]

## **3. Conclusions**

The Committee should discuss whether or not they wish to scrutinise the above items. If they choose to do so, this may be done:

- at a meeting by questioning officers/ Executive Member
- by requesting a further report to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee
- by referring the matter to a topic group
- any other way they choose

## **4. Financial Implications**

If the Committee wish to recruit support for a piece of work, this will be funded from the budget of the service under scrutiny.