

## COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2 JULY 2007

### WORK PROGRAMME

#### Introduction

In consultation with the Chairman and the Directorate, a range of source materials have been reviewed to identify topics and activities to be included in the Work Programme for the Committee, for 2007/08 onwards. These sources included the media, service plans, MORI surveys, the Corporate Plan and Comprehensive Performance and Service Assessments.

Officers have liaised with the Chairman, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and the Director for Community Safety to draw up the suggestions below.

All of the topics in the table have met at least 5 of the 10 question criteria for inclusion that are shown in the diagram at the end.

#### A. Proposed Work Programme

Priority	Topic	Type of activity	Members and support
High	<u>Neighbourhood Action Groups.</u>	Select Committee	Whole Committee and Scrutiny Review/Committee Officer. Activity will take place at 2 <sup>nd</sup> July meeting
High	<u>Ability to recruit retained fire fighters</u> - This scrutiny activity may be themed around workforce diversity - ethnic minority/female recruitment, whole time recruitment – and fire service selection testing)	Scrutiny Review	Small Review Group - Members to be nominated & Scrutiny Officer
High	<u>Gypsy and Traveller sites</u> – as the G&T Service has received Chartermark; lessons to be learned to ensure its retention, including looking across county boundaries to learn from other authorities;	Presentation followed by, possibly, Select Committee or Scrutiny Review.	Directorate officers, small Review Group – Members to be nominated & Scrutiny Review Officer

	partnerships with Police (external scrutiny) and a related topic: <u>Chartermark</u> – Community Safety is the first Directorate to receive the award – exploring processes to ensure retention of the award.		
Low	<u>The Fire Cover Review</u> (including scrutiny and monitoring of recommendations and outcomes) (* see below)	Small Task Group working alongside and scrutinising the Directorate and reporting back to the committee periodically/as and when necessary	Task Group – Members to be nominated
No priority allocated at this stage	<u>Nuclear Reactor new build</u> – possible impact on Oxfordshire community in terms of traffic, building and environmental issues – cross cutting with other Directorate/committees	Scrutiny Review	Cross Committee review group - Members, Directorates' officers, Scrutiny Review Officer

Other items identified during the work programme development but with no priority allocated, included:

**B. Supplementary list for Future Consideration**

- Fire and Fire safety/prevention (eg Fire Risk Management Action Plan, fire cover\*, fire deaths, fireworks, BVPI on false alarms; review of the Fire Safety Implementation Order)
- Drugs and alcohol (exclusion zones, under age alcohol, nuisances)
- Perceptions of crime.
- Capacity and resource Issues – budget scrutiny (focusing around new fire station for Carterton)
- Anti social behaviour.
- Hygiene standards in supermarkets.
- Poor driving standards.
- “365 Alive” campaign.
- Levels of satisfaction with the Fire & Rescue Service (incl customer satisfaction surveys recently undertaken in Citizen's Panel)
- Pay and conditions of service

The Committee is asked to:

- (a) consider whether it wishes to replace any items in the proposed Work Programme (A.) with items in the supplementary list (B.);
- (b) decide which reviews from the proposed Work Programme (A.) should commence first and which to follow second.

The Committee is also asked to make other suggestions for inclusion in the Work Programme. Any suggestions should meet the test of the 10 question criteria, so far as possible.

*Detailed presentation and notes (in power point) on Work Programme preparation produced in May 2005 for the Co-ordinating Group and again in May 2006 are available on request.*

