
Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**22 September
2009**

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

Update on Annual Workplan

Summary

1. This report presents the current workplan of the Committee for 2009/10, and recommends that Members update the workplan, taking into consideration the information provided at both this meeting and the meeting previously held on 7 July 2009.

Background

2. At the first meeting of this Committee on 7 July 2009, Members were presented with a number of reports containing a wealth of information pertinent to the revised overview & scrutiny function in York, and the remit of this specific overview & scrutiny committee.
3. Assistant Directors from the relevant Directorates gave presentations on their areas of work and responsibilities and the discussions arising from these are recorded in the minutes (attached to this agenda). Discussion also took place on the 2008/09 Final Monitoring Report. Members decided to defer the decision to update their work plan until this meeting.

Consultation

4. The relevant Assistant Directors presented Members of the Committee with information regarding their areas of responsibility. Members were also able to ask questions of the finance and performance officers.

Options

5. Having considered all of the information provided, Members may choose to:
 - i. Agree any revisions to the draft workplan shown at Annex A
 - ii. Request additional information relevant to the remit of the Committee prior to revising the committee's workplan

Analysis

Graffiti & Litter Referral

6. When the Effective Organisation Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the complete Corporate Year-end Performance & Financial Report for 2008/9, they raised concerns about the information pertaining to the issues surrounding graffiti and litter. They referred this to Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC), for clarification on which overview & scrutiny committee's remit the issue belonged to. SMC identified this committee as the responsible committee and requested that the issue be referred here for consideration as a possible topic for review. The relevant extract from the Corporate Year-end Performance & Financial Report for 2008/9 is shown at Annex B.

Updating the workplan

7. Ordinarily Members would also receive a copy of the forthcoming items on the Forward Plan relating to the work of this Committee. As of publication of this report there are no items on the Forward Plan that fall within the remit of the Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
8. Members are, therefore, asked to identify any areas of interest, suitable for scrutiny review in light of the information provided in this report. In order to inform the work on the associated feasibility reports, the Scrutiny Officer will require a completed scrutiny topic registration form for each suggested topic. Members may choose to allocate the submission of the completed forms (via the committee management system) to a specific committee member, or discuss and agree the content of the forms so that they can be completed by the Scrutiny Officer at this meeting.

Corporate Strategy

9. The work of this Committee directly supports the third theme of the Corporate Strategy - 'We want York to be a safer city with low crime rates and high opinions of the city's safety record'.

Implications

10. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT, Property or Other implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

Risk Management

11. There are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to identify any topics for possible scrutiny review and any required revisions to the Committee's workplan

Reason: in order to progress the work of the Committee

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers:

Report on new arrangements for Overview & Scrutiny in York, dated 7 July 2009
Report presenting guidance on the scrutiny of Crime & Disorder, dated 7 July 2009

Annexes

Annex A – Draft Workplan for 2009-10

Annex B – Extract from Corporate Year-end Performance & Financial Report for 2008/9 dated 30 June 2009