

Subject: Work Programme 2008/09

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Report to: Policy Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Date: 8 July 2008

Report of: Executive Director of Regulatory Services

Portfolio

Holder: Finance and Resources

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To agree the work programme for 2008/09.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support all the corporate priorities through the various work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 Information was published in the Rossendale Alive Newsletter and the Rossendale Free Press seeking ideas from the public for Overview and Scrutiny to look at as part of their Work Programme for 2008/09. There was also the opportunity for the public to complete an online form on the Council's website. Scrutiny forms were also distributed at the March Neighbourhood Forums. An email was also sent to Heads of Service and Managers asking for ideas.

The newly formed Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considered the ideas put forward. They also reviewed current/ongoing projects to determine

whether to include these in the 2008/09 Work Programme, or whether to discontinue them. (see appendix A)

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 The are no immediate financial implications arising from the report, however, the nature of the work programme and its findings may bring further financial considerations.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 As detailed in the report.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 There are no specific human resource implications arising from the report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 A commitment to the Work Programme will ensure that Overview and Scrutiny continues to improve its way of working.
- 8.2 Consideration will have to be taken when agreeing the Work Programme for the provision in the White Paper for the Councilor Call for Action process, where individual councilors are given the right to refer a matter affecting their area to scrutiny by the Council.

9. RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Work Programme for 2008/09 be agreed.
2. That the Road Safety Task and Finish Group continue its work.
3. That the Ring and Ride Service meet in six months time to review the current revised service.
4. That Enforcement be reviewed and monitored through the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agree future work for the two main Scrutiny Committees and the Task and Finish Groups.
6. That progress reports be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

7. That the final reports of the Task and Finish Groups be presented to the Management Board, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder prior to being considered by Cabinet, Council or Lancashire Local.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 Public Consultation Through

- Local Media
- Rossendale Alive Newsletter
- Neighbourhood Forum Meetings
- Councillors
- Council's website
- Internal consultation with Directors, Heads of Service and Managers.

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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No background papers