

# **.CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO: CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**Date of Meeting:** 10 January 2012  
**Report of:** Borough Solicitor  
**Subject/Title:** Work Programme update

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 To review items in the 2011/2012 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

That the 2011/2012 work programme be reviewed.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

### **6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health**

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

### **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 None.

### **9.0 Risk Management**

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

## **10.0 Background and Options**

10.1 The schedule attached has been updated since the last meeting. A report is included elsewhere on the agenda outlining the options available to the Council under the Localism Act 2011.

10.2 Members are asked to review the schedule and if appropriate add new items. When selecting potential topics, Members must have regard to the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy – ‘Ambition for all’ and also to the general criteria which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate. Matters should be assessed against the following criteria:

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority;
- Is the issue of key interest to the public;
- Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation;
- Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends;
- Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
- Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service;

10.3 If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:

- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
- The matter is subjudice
- Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale
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## **11 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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