

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**24 OCTOBER 2006**

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF  
LAW AND DEMOCRACY**

**TIMETABLE FOR SETTING OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2007/08**

**SUMMARY**

To seek comments from Executive Scrutiny on the proposed timetable for setting the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2007/08.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Executive Scrutiny are asked to approve a timetable for the setting of the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2007/08.

**DETAIL**

1. Members have expressed a desire to complete the process for setting a work programme before the end of the municipal year in order to avoid delays in scrutiny work commencing after the elections. If necessary, the draft programme could be reviewed and amended following the Annual Meeting. The following timescale is suggested:

- Chair of Executive Scrutiny Committee to write to all Members for ideas - October
- Select Committees meet to discuss ideas – October/November (Item on Select Committee agendas)
- CMT – November/December
- Corporate Director/Head of Service Briefings with Cabinet Members – December
- Scrutiny Liaison Forum – 12 January 2007
- Executive Scrutiny Committee – 20 February 2007

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

2. There are no direct financial or legal implications.

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

3. The risk of setting the work programme prior to the 2007 elections is that there may be the need to subsequently amend the programme. However, setting the programme after the Annual Meeting on 2007 will lead to delays in scrutiny reviews commencing.

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<u>Background Papers:</u>	None
<u>Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:</u>	Not Ward Specific
<u>Property Implications:</u>	None