

Draft Scrutiny Agenda Programme for 2006/07

The Committee is required to

- **Examine the agenda programme and confirm the items it wishes to scrutinise the following month**
- **Identify the purpose of the scrutiny and the desired outcomes**
- **Advise what information should be included in the report**
- **Decide which Councillors, officers and external representatives should be present at the meeting**

The Committee is in the process of considering ways to strengthen its approach to scrutiny and overview. As a consequence, substantial revisions to the programme of meetings and planned agenda items are possible.

Any queries regarding specific services should be referred to the Senior Democratic Services Officer who will endeavour to ascertain the relevant information. All correspondence should be copied to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Date	Agenda Item	Why Is The Committee Discussing This?	How Will The Discussion Benefit The District's Residents
Jan '07	Member/Officer Contract	The Committee added this to the agenda programme at its meeting in October.	To ensure that the contract harmonises the relationship between officers and Members and assists the smooth running of the Council.
Feb '07	Draft yearly Report (Nov 05 – Apr 06)		
Mar '07	Final yearly Report (Nov 05 – Apr 06)		
Mar	Assessing Homelessness	The Committee decided to add this to the	The Committee wishes to ascertain who is

'07		agenda programme in September, with the agreement of the housing portfolio holder.	best placed to resolve whether a tenant is intentionally or unintentionally homeless. Under the old political structures it was a panel of members, under the new political structures it became the portfolio holder's decision and this year it became an officer decision.
Apr '07	Stock Condition Survey	The Committee added this item to its agenda programme in December 2006.	The Stock Condition Survey will indicate how much work is required on the Housing Stock and the implications this will have for the Housing Revenue Account.
Spring '07	Scrutiny of the Council's lettings policy	The Committee decided to add this item to its agenda programme in May 2005. A Lettings Policy Advisory Group is likely to conclude in the Spring of 2007.	The lettings policy determines which residents become tenants.
Not Set	East of England Plan Panel Report	The Committee decided to add this to the agenda programme in July and then resolved to wait until the Government's published its proposed modifications to the report in November.	The plan mentions the possibility of further expansion at Cambourne and Northstowe, the creation of a new settlement south of Cambridge and the disposal of waste from London, all of which we be a great concern to the District's residents.
Not Set	Partnership Working with the County Council	The Committee decided to add this to the agenda programme in November 2006 following the Government's White Paper and concern regarding the need to improve	Partnership working is one of the Council's Corporate Objectives.

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Not Set	Land Drainage Issue in South-West of the District	The Committee decided to add this to its agenda programme in November 2006, following consultation with the Chairman of the Land Drainage Advisory Group.	Land drainage is an issue of great concern to the District's residents.
Not Set	Corporate Government Inspection (CGI) Report	The Committee decided to add this to its agenda programme in December 2006	The report is likely to refer to the Council's Scrutiny function and the performance of the authority as a whole.

Possible agenda Items suggested by Members:

Item	Extra Information
Cambridgeshire Horizons	Suggested at November 2006's meeting. Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor SGM Kindersley to determine when this matter should be scrutinised.
Strategic Risk Register	Suggested at November 2006's Meeting. Chairman, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Mrs EM Heazell and Councillor Dr SEK van de Ven would ascertain the most effective way this issue could be scrutinised.
Energy Efficiency	Suggested at April 2006's Meeting.