

**Extract from
Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny (Services) Committee**

Meeting Date: Thursday, 17 April 2008 starting at 7pm

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WORK PLAN 2008/09

The Director of Development Services presented his report on the selection of topics on the 2008/09 Work Plan. He reminded Members that at the last meeting of this Committee on 19 February 2008 the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, together with the Director of Development Services were charged with carrying out an analysis of the range of suggested topics for the 2008/09 Work Plan. He also referred to the possibility of Committee restructuring which may result in changes to the number, structure or Terms of Reference of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

He commented that the Group had considered five potential topics against a ten point checklist. These were Parkwise/parking, trees, planning/licensing interface, Member training/Section 106 Agreements.

The three selected topics could be expanded to make their focus clearer and be expressed as:

- (a) to review the Council's policy on the management, replacement and planting of additional of trees in the Borough;
 - (b) to carry out a review of regulatory services provided by the Council concentrating on:
 - (i) an overview of the links between planning, building regulations and licensing processes; and
 - (ii) how training on these areas can best be delivered for Borough and Parish Councillors;
- and
- (c) to review the management and provision of car parking throughout the Borough.

Councillor Sayers commented on discussions he had had recently with the Council's Countryside Officer in relation to the trees agenda. The Director of Development Services also gave his comments on the review of regulatory services and the need for training in the areas now stated.

RESOLVED: That Committee agree the topics listed above as the work programme for 2008/09. Lead officers for each will be identified following the establishment of Committees for 2008/09.