

## Forward Plans for Overview & Scrutiny Committees

Current plans cover:

**Economy** – review the ED Business Centre Business Plan around April 2010.

**Communities** – currently main focus on Affordable Housing; Mental Health

**Service Planning & Delivery** – Continued quarterly monitoring of all performance indicators; Housing Review Performance Measures Report; Housing Benefits Performance Measures report; exploring Towns and Parishes relationships.

**Co-ordinating** – Prepared for CAA; Service plans and budgets meeting current economic climate.

All committees will over time cover the role of the Portfolio Holders and the Member Champions.

### Audit Commission Inspection Letter highlights

Annual Audit & Inspection Letter of audit 2007/2008 (issued March 2009) gave three main areas for the Council to focus on – diversify approach to affordable housing; improvement focus on planning and housing benefits; and preparing for revised use of resources assessment in 2009. Members may wish to keep these main points in mind when considering prioritising work for their forward plans.

### Corporate Strategy

Work already carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees has tackled some of the areas within the current Corporate Strategy. The table below breaks down the strategy into the main priorities with what has been covered by the Committees to date, and proposing what could be added to the forward plans for each one.

#### 1. Affordable Homes

a. Significant increases in the supply of affordable homes	<p><b>Communities have already considered an exception policy, currently on consultation with Development Management Committee.</b></p> <p><b>Communities could examine this topic further to consider other approaches to increasing affordable housing including feeding into the LDF process.</b></p>
b. Improvements in the management of the Council's Housing Stock	<p><b>Service Delivery &amp; Performance O/S monitor implementation of the recommendations from the Audit Commission inspection of Housing - planned for next meeting 13 January due for completion by March 2010</b></p> <p><b>Service Delivery &amp; Performance continue monitoring of performance indicators as part of quarterly monitoring process.</b></p>

## 2. Thriving Economy

a. Economic Growth in the West of the District	<p>Economy have already considered the draft Devon Employment Land Strategy which identified land for employment use in the West of the District.</p> <p>Economy could monitor this in future to see if land identified is delivered.</p>
b. Regeneration of Exmouth and Seaton	<p>Economy could request an update from the Chairman of each Regeneration Board to discuss any outstanding issues or barriers that the Boards face</p>
c. Delivery of economic growth throughout the District	<p>Monitoring the delivery of agreed promotion of training providers to local businesses</p> <p>Recommendation made for a future report proposing ways of addressing the inadequate provision of small and medium sized business units in East Devon with the report including the need for the Local Development Framework to identify this gap in provision which would enable the Council to work proactively, for example though partnership working</p> <p>Monitoring the delivery of the Economy and Development Service Plan 2009/10</p> <p>Reviewing the Business Plan of the East Devon Business Centre</p>

## 3. Safe, green and clean environment

a. a safe environment	<p>Communities have already received an update on the Neighbourhood Assessments</p> <p>O/S Co-ordinating establishing stronger scrutiny links with the East &amp; Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership along with Members from Mid Devon District Council.</p> <p>O/S Co-ordinating could consider what the future role of the East Devon Flood Recovery Group should be, to continue good agency links and strong local emergency plans.</p>
b. a clean environment	<p>Continued monitoring by Service Delivery &amp; Performance O/S to monitor the development of the REACT Team</p>
c. a green environment	<p>Co-ordinating O/S to monitor progress against the Carbon Strategy</p> <p>Communities O/S to monitor reduction in fuel poverty in households</p>

#### 4. Recycling

<p>a. a rise in recycling and composting and fall in the disposal of other waste</p>	<p>Service Delivery &amp; Performance O/S have reviewed preventable demand in calls in respect of phases 1 and 2 of the refuse and recycling scheme.</p> <p>Continued monitoring of delivery of Phase 3 and subsequent phases to keep delivery of service at a high quality and monitor targets for increased recycling and composting.</p>
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#### 5. Young People

<p>a. Consulting with children and young people</p>	<p>Communities could evaluate the current setup of the “Scene and Heard” Youth Panel</p> <p>Economy O/S could review the current promotion levels of local democracy offered to schools</p>
<p>b. Rewarding and recognising the efforts and achievements of children and young people</p>	<p>Member Champion for Young People to present to Communities O/S</p>
<p>c. Providing services for young people</p>	
<p>d. Protecting children and young people</p>	

#### 6. Excellent service for our customers

<p>a. Consistently satisfied customers</p>	<p>Service Delivery &amp; Performance have already considered the draft Performance Management Strategy and can continue to monitor the delivery of it</p> <p>Continued monitoring on quarterly basis of performance indicators and delivery of service plans</p> <p>Following the Audit Commission inspection of the Benefits Service, monitor the implementation of the recommendations made.</p> <p>Service Delivery &amp; Performance O/S has already indentified the need to review how to provide excellent service to Towns and Parishes regarding their relationship with the District Council.</p> <p>Communities O/S have received a presentation from the Equalities Member Champion and will continue to receive updates on progress to Level 2 of the Local Government Equalities Standard</p>
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7. Inspirational Council

a. Great value for our customers	Co-ordinating Committee could review progress on implementation of the East Devon Sustainable Community Plan Co-ordinating Committee to monitor progress against the Asset Management Plan SD&P O/S could receive a presentation from the Data Quality Member Champion to discuss implementation of the Data Quality Strategy and action plan
b. A “partner of choice”	Co-ordinating Committee could review the East Devon Sustainable Community Plan and the evidence of partnership working for CAA
c. an “employer of choice”	Co-ordinating Committee may wish to consider how budget levels may affect recruitment and retaining expertise.