



## COMMUNITY COMMISSION 24 July 2006

Report of the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

### Selection of a Topic Review and Issues for Focussed Scrutiny 2006/07

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. To decide on i) a topic review for 2006/07 and ii) whether any of the other proposals might usefully be considered issues for focussed scrutiny.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1. The Commission's first meeting on 19 June 2006 considered a report on the development of a work programme for the current municipal year. It was agreed to undertake a topic review and to make a decision on the topic at the July meeting and:
  1. to ask the co-ordination officer seek members' ideas for possible review areas and to work up the suggestions as outline proposals and;
  2. to ask Commission Members to express their preferences with the collated responses being reported to the July meeting.
- 2.2 **Stage 1** has been completed. Commission members were written to and several new suggestions were received. These were added to relevant proposals from a similar exercise last year. In working up the suggestions a consistent format was used so that each of the ten has a proposal title, description, list of inputs (witnesses/visits etc), comments by the co-ordination officer and an estimate of the number of meetings involved.
- 2.3 **Stage 2** is in progress at the time of writing. Members of the Commission have been asked to assess the various proposals using the assessment form described in the Training Module: 'Choosing Subjects'. However it has been made clear that any feedback on preferences is welcome.
- 2.4 As only one topic review is to be undertaken there is the risk that other good proposals get lost. To avoid that, Members have been invited to indicate which issues they believe could beneficially be given attention as focussed scrutiny.

- 2.5 The request was made that responses be returned by **5 pm on Thursday 20 July 2006** so to enable analysis to be undertaken and reported back to the 24 July meeting.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	The Menu of Members Ideas and associated Assessment Sheets
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. None directly arise.

**Legal**

2. None directly arise.

**Personnel**

3. None directly arise.

**Equalities impact**

4. Dependant on the issues chosen.

**Corporate objectives and priorities**

5. Dependant on the issues chosen.