

## **OVERALL WORK PROGRAMME**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines the 2002/2003 work programme which was agreed for this Committee in March 2002 and now seeks Members' agreement to the revisions as outlined.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At its inaugural meeting in March, the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered its work programme for 2002/2003 in the context of the Council's overall work programme and the decisions taken by Council and its Committees relating to subjects which should be covered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 At the March meeting, Committee agreed to the following work programme:-

#### **Prior to Summer Recess**

- Scheme of Delegations
- Financial and Contract Standing Orders
- Fees and Charges
- White Paper on Local Government
- Council's Policy on Early Retirement
- Consultation with the Chambers of Trade
- Carer's Allowance
- Out of Pocket Expenses for Advisers

#### **Items to be considered in the Autumn cycle**

- Council's Budget
- Monitoring of the Corporate Plan and Best Value Performance Plan
- Financial Services Best Value Review

#### **Early 2003**

- External Auditor's Management Letter

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3.2 With the exception of Planning, a revised scheme of delegations has now been approved. In addition, the work around the Local Government White Paper will now focus on the implications for the District of the Government's new initiative relating to Comprehensive Performance Assessment. Consideration of this should be deferred pending the receipt of the promised consultation paper to be published by the Audit Commission around how Comprehensive Performance Assessment will be specifically applied to Districts. It is considered that it would be more appropriate if this consultation paper were first reported to the Policy Committee. In looking at the workload, it is also suggested that the work on early retirement should be considered by the Policy Committee rather than this Committee in the first instance.

3.3 In the circumstances therefore, a revised work programme is suggested as follows:-

**Before the Summer Recess:**

- Planning Scheme of Delegation
- Financial & Contract Standing Orders
- Fees and Charges
- Consultation with Chambers of Trade
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3.4 Members' agreement is now sought to this revised work programme.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is proposed that this Committee resolves to agree to the revised work programme as outlined.

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