

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (SERVICE DELIVERY) - STUDIES
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the Panel's programme of studies and to provide an opportunity for the Panel to plan its work programme for the forthcoming year.

2. WORK PROGRAMME

- 2.1 Appendix A to this report contains details of progress against each of the Service Delivery Panel's studies. The studies into Grant Aid and Disability Access are nearing completion. In that light, Members are invited to review the current programme and to suggest new subjects for future study.
- 2.2 The Panel may wish to consider whether any studies or investigations of single issues within the Service Delivery Panel's remit might usefully be undertaken. Scrutiny Panel remits are as follows:-

Service Delivery

Environment
Housing & Public Health
Leisure
Transport
Operational and Countryside Services

Service Support

Finance
Customer Services
Planning Strategy
Resources and Policy
Information Technology

Experience at other authorities has found that an effective way of identifying useful study areas is for Members to raise issues that have emerged through contact with their constituents.

- 2.3 Alternatively, the Panel may wish to examine any external issues that affect the District by conducting in-depth studies. An external body has suggested the following as potential study areas, which have arisen following the publication of recent documents by various Government Departments:-

- Human Rights in Healthcare
- Responding to the Waste Challenge
- The Purchase and Use of Second Homes
- Bio-Fuels and the Impact it has on Food Supply
- Consultations on Codes of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs, Cats and Equines

Members may however suggest other external areas of interest that they believe would benefit from a review.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Panel is

RECOMMENDED

- (a) to review the existing programme of studies for the forthcoming year; and
- (b) to consider the addition of new subject areas to the programme of studies.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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