

**Committee:** Scrutiny 1  
**Date:** 18 June 2003  
**Agenda Item:** 5  
**Title:** WORK PROGRAMME 2003/04  
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### **Summary**

- 1 This report gives an officer perspective on the key issues facing Scrutiny Committee during 2003/04 and the report recommends that the Committee determines a work programme for that period.

### **Background**

- 2 2002/03 was a busy year for the Scrutiny Committee. The scrutiny of Health within the District continues to be a major challenge but the partnership with Primary Care Trusts and Essex County Council is beginning to produce some data. The interpretation of this data will form part of the work programme for the year. A Best Value Review of Leisure and Cultural Services was carried out during 2002/03 and the report arising from this review will need to be closely examined by the Committee.
- 3 The Council has just launched *Shaping the Future of Uttlesford* the Community Plan for the District. Scrutiny Committee may wish to consider the partnership process within the District. In addition Scrutiny Committee will continue to scrutinize the work of the Leisure (PFI) Board. This project is now nearing completion and Scrutiny Committee will require regular progress reports.
- 4 During 2003/04 there will be a Best Value Review of Day Centres which Scrutiny Committee will monitor. In addition the authority is preparing for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment, which will be carried out in February 2004. Scrutiny Committee will be expected to comment on the process and self-scoring leading up to CPA submission.
- 5 As part of the preparation for CPA the authority is considering increasing range and reporting mechanism of the performance management system within the authority. This may involve reporting quarterly information of the performance of the authority to Scrutiny Committee. If agreed Scrutiny Committee may wish to refer comments on performance to the appropriate parent committee.
- 6 In addition to the items identified above Scrutiny Committee will consider items from the "standard " agenda items from the Committees being scrutinized. Scrutiny Committee has a "call in" process and in 2001/02 one decision was called in. Finally Scrutiny Committee can identify any

themes or service areas (within the remit of Community & Leisure and Health & Housing Committees) to examine as part of a scrutinizing role.

RECOMMENDED that the items set out in paragraphs 3 to 6 of the report are included the work programme for 2003/04