

REPORT OF CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME OVERVIEW****Purpose of the Report**

1. Overview and Scrutiny provides elected Members with the opportunity to review concerns and make positive recommendations for improvement.
2. This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider the progress made by the programme of improvement for the County Council and any potential areas for scrutiny arising from this work.

Information and Advice

3. The Overview Committee agreed to scrutinise the work being undertaken to make the County Council more efficient at its meeting on 22 September 2009.
4. Members received an introduction to the work being undertaken to develop a programme of improvement at the meeting of the Overview Committee on 2 February 2010. Detailed reports on the Improvement Programme were debated at meetings of the County Council on Thursday 25 February 2010 and on Thursday 21 October 2010.
5. The Overview Committee has previously identified overlap between the Improvement Programme and the Programme of Scrutiny when reviewing issues of concern/interest to Members. This has included consideration of issues such as Procurement.
6. The Committee invited the then Improvement Director, Greg Michael, to attend its meetings on 25 January and 24 May 2011 to provide an overview of the Improvement Programme and the progress being made. Deborah Hinde, the then Programme Director for Ways of Working and Procurement provided the Improvement Programme progress update at the Committee meeting on 22 November 2011.
7. Deborah Hinde, Service Director – Improvement, will attend the meeting on 16 April 2012 to update the Committee on Improvement Programme progress as at February 2012 (the latest available full month).

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of

children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described in the body of the report. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) It is recommended that:

the Overview Committee consider the information provided

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Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Nil