

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTERNAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF HEAD OF CHANGE AND SCRUTINY

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1. Scrutiny Work Programme 2010-11

1.1 Issue for Consideration

1.1.1 To consider items for the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2010-11

1.2 Recommendation of the Head of Change and Scrutiny

1.2.1 That the Committee suggests items for next year's overview and scrutiny work programme.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be meeting in June 2010 to agree their work programmes for the next municipal year. At each Committee meeting Members will consider work programme suggestions from officers, members of the public, Councillors and the 2009/10 Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

1.3.2 Topics for the work programme must not include individual complaints or have been reviewed in the two years previously. Reviews carried out by Overview and Scrutiny in the Municipal Year 2009/10 included:

- Railways
- Junk mail
- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Mental Health Services (joint with Tunbridge Wells)
- Best Value Review of waste and recycling; and
- Overview and Scrutiny Function

1.4 Alternative Action and Why Not Recommended

1.4.1 The Committee could choose not to consider items for 2010-11 however this would mean that a valuable opportunity to suggest items from experienced scrutiny members would be lost.

