

**Maidstone Borough Council**

**Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Tuesday 5 April 2011**

**Future Work Programme 2011-12**

**Report of:** Overview & Scrutiny Officer

**1. Introduction**

1.1 For the Committee to consider its future work programme for 2011-12.

**2. Recommendation**

2.1.1 That the Committee suggests items for next years overview and scrutiny work programme, within the Committee's remit.

2.1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be meeting in June 2011 to agree their work programmes for the next municipal year. At each Committee meeting, Members will consider the work programme suggestions from officers, members of the public, Councillors and the 2010-11 Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

**3. Future Work Programme**

3.1 Throughout the course of the municipal year the Committee is asked to put forward work programme suggestions. These suggestions are planned into its annual work programme. Members are asked to consider the work programme at each meeting to ensure that it remains appropriate and covers all issues Members currently wish to consider within the Committee's remit.

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 Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny in the last two Municipal Years included:

- Customer Service Gateway review
- 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.

3.3 The Committee could choose not to consider items for 2011-12 however this would mean that a valuable opportunity to suggest items from experienced scrutiny members would be lost.

#### **4. Impact on Corporate Objectives**

4.1 The Committee will consider reports that deliver against the following Council priority:

- 'For Maidstone to have a growing economy'; and
- 'Corporate and Customer Excellence'.

4.2 The Strategic Plan sets the Council's key objectives for the medium term and has a range of objectives which support the delivery of the Council's priorities. Actions to deliver these key objectives may therefore include work that the Committee will consider over the next year.