

**Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy Overview Committee  
Review Topics 2012/13**

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**REASON FOR ITEM**

To enable the Committee to agree the reviews it wishes to undertake in the 2012/13 Council year.

**OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

1. Agree topics for in-depth reviews in 2012/13

**INFORMATION**

1. The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to the Central Services area of the Council. The full range of services under the Committee's remit is outlined in the terms of reference at the start of the agenda. These are primarily strategic policy and internal functions such as finance, property, personnel, democratic services, legal services, ICT, economic development, as well as equalities and diversity.
2. Previous experience from both Hillingdon and other Councils indicates that the Committee can have the greatest impact by focusing on a work programme agreed at the start of the Council year. Similarly, focusing upon one or two items at each meeting can help Members engage with the major issues and encourage stakeholder engagement.
3. As in previous years, the Committee is recommended to use this first meeting of the year to set a work programme for the next 12 months and select one or two topics for major review.
4. In selecting topics, Members are reminded of the Committee's work in from 2006 to 2012, which included reviews of:

**2006/7**

- Members' information needs concerning decision-making
- Members' role in Audit

**2007/8**

- Community cohesion
- Review of Voluntary sector grants

**2008/9**

- Wireless town centre in Hillingdon

**2009/10**

- Impact of a Pandemic in Hillingdon and the Effects on Council Services

- The Impact of Public Funded Business Support and the Success of New Business Start Up within Hillingdon and how the Council could improve Business to Business Support with the Borough's Industrial Estates

#### **2010/11**

- Census 2011 – to look at how this Council can contribute to improving the population data for the Borough
- Personal Safety of Members of the Council when meeting with members of the public.

#### **2011/12**

- Effectiveness of the Audit Committee and its Terms of Reference
- Operation and Function of Hillingdon First Card

Members agree one or two topics for in-depth review, using the attached selection criteria

## POLICY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY REVIEW PROFORMA

	Name of review					
<b>Selection Criteria for a review</b>						
1. Strong public interest						
2. Government pressure / Change in policy						
3. Included in the Hillingdon Improvement Programme (HIP) / Council objectives						
4. Inspection report recommendation (e.g. performance standards poor or below target)						
5. Area within Council's control / influence						
6. High impact on residents						
7. Expertise available on which to draw						
8. Good practice available elsewhere						
9. Any likely recommendations would be achievable within existing resources and budgets						
<b>Total score (one 'Y' = 1 point)</b>						