

Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

1	Title of Work Programme Item	Localities Working
2	Responsible Director (s)	Carole Burgoyne
3	Responsible Officer Tel No.	Peter Aley, Head of Safer Communities (30)4388
4	Aim	Contribute to, and encourage participation in, consultation to develop a model for Locality Working in Plymouth's 6 Localities identified by the LSP.
5	Objectives	Objectives of Locality working are to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable residents to influence and challenge service delivery • Make services more 'joined up' • Improve councillor involvement • Reducing inequalities between communities • Focus money and staff more effectively • Improve the sharing and use of information • Monitor service provision more effectively • Meet local and national targets.
	Benefits	The scrutiny is an opportunity to examine ideas, good practice and a range of views before development of proposals on Localities working. This will enhance the consultation process underway and will afford a particular opportunity for members and others to contribute prior to recommendations being made to cabinet / council.
	Beneficiaries	The LSP Service providers The Third sector Communities Cabinet Full council
6	Criteria for Choosing Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate priority area • Public interest issue covered in local media

7	Scope	To examine and make recommendations on:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best way of joining up services in Localities and the proposal to have Locality Service Co-ordination Teams in each locality • Ways we can improve links between organisations providing services and the community in each Locality and whether Area Committees should be replaced with Partnerships (one for each locality) with a new focus on joint problem solving between services and communities. • What sorts of information Locality Teams will need to help with their work. 		
	Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The boundaries for our 6 Localities (which the Local Strategic Partnership has already agreed). • Any new arrangements for service delivery or new approaches to neighbourhood working, i.e. at the level of our 43 neighbourhoods. (However this would not preclude looking at how neighbourhood issues and concerns can best be considered at Locality level). 		
8	Programme Dates	<i>Needs to be complete by mid Sept</i>		
	Timescales and Interdependences	Milestones	Target Date for Achievement	Responsible Officer
		Known milestones for achieving the final report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.8.09 O & S Management Board. Management Board will need to appoint Members; • Task & Finish Group needs to meet in August if going to O & S Management Board on 2.9.09. 	Dates of known milestones Mid September, deadline for written consultations	Peter Aley
9	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	Part of CIP4		
10	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel	????		
11	Lead Officer for Panel	????		
12	Reporting arrangements	Dates of Panels, Commission and Cabinet /Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.9.09 – O & S Management Board to approve scrutiny report, • 10.11.09 – Cabinet • 30.11.09 – Council 		

13	Resources	<p>Staff and other resources</p> <p>Strategic Housing and LSP staff</p>
14	Budget implications	<p>Resources within existing budgets and any additional resources required</p> <p>Staff time</p>
15	Risk analysis e.g. if no scrutiny	A potential major change in the way the council and partners co-ordinate services and engage the public would be developed without the opportunity for proactive scrutiny to influence it.
16	Project Plan / Actions	Project Plan to be prepared by Select Committee appointed by Panel