

Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

1	Title of Work Programme Item	Financial Inclusion Strategy – Refresh of the action plan for 2010/11
2	Responsible Director (s)	Director for Community Services – Carole Burgoyne
3	Responsible Officer Tel No.	Peter Aley, Assistant Director for Safer Communities 304321
4	Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Brookshaw, Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities
5	Aim	Review progress in delivering the Financial Inclusion Strategy’s action plan 2009/10 to assist in developing the refreshed action plan for 2010/11
6	Objectives	The Financial Inclusion Strategy aims to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise take up of welfare benefits and tax credits with an emphasis on in-work benefits • Reduce problem debt • Provide accessible and high quality Financial Inclusion services • Reduce fuel poverty • Maximise opportunities for delivering Financial Inclusion through partnership working
7	Benefits	It will enable us to tailor the services we already deliver to those with the greatest need and to produce real outcomes. This will also enable us to get value for money for the services we commission.
8	Beneficiaries	Individuals and communities accessing Financial Inclusion advice services especially those on the lowest incomes and with the most pressing financial problems
9	Criteria for Choosing Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate priority area • Issue consistently identified by Members as key through constituency activity • Public interest issue covered in local media
10	Scope	To assess the current action plan and to suggest improvements for the refreshed action plan for 2010/11.

11	Exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to the Financial Inclusion Strategy, (which has already been agreed by Cabinet Member delegated decision and is a three year strategy) • Work outside the scope of the Financial Inclusion Strategy 		
12	Programme Dates			
	Timescales and Interdependences	Milestones	Target Date for Achievement	Responsible Officer
		Known milestones for achieving the final report	Dates of known milestones	
13	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	The Financial Inclusion Strategy is part of CIP4 in 2009/10 Corporate Plan		
14	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel / Membership if Task and Finish Group	Customers and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Task and Finish Group – Councillors Berrow, Fox, Mrs Nicholson and Wildy		
15	Lead Officer for Panel	Giles Perritt		
16	Reporting arrangements	Task and Finish Group March 2010 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board 31 March 2010		
13	Resources	Staff time		
14	Budget implications			
15	Risk analysis	Not undertaking the scrutiny would mean a missed opportunity to influence the action plan prior to adoption.		
16	Project Plan / Actions			