# Action Plan 2007/08

#### Survey response

Respond to issues arising from the Democratic Services Questionnaire.

#### **Budget**

OSC will implement the revised arrangements for scrutiny of the budget which includes quarterly financial health checks and links to performance management.

### **Tracking Recommendations**

OSC have agreed a new method for tracking and monitoring recommendations. This method will make it easier for the Boards to identify progress and obstacles in implementing recommendations. Recommendations made following scrutiny work will be SMART in order to assist in their implementation and to ensure measurable outcomes are achieved.

# A number of issues

A number of issues require further work in response to the issue raised in the Bill, including scrutiny of Local Area Agreement partners, area scrutiny and Community Call for Action.

Responding to the

**Local Government Bill** 

# Development of Scrutiny

### **Community Call for Action**

The Police and Justice Act includes a new mechanism known as 'Community Call for Action'. This will not only have an impact at a local level, but will also impact on the scrutiny function. During 2007/08, the scrutiny process will be developed in order to facilitate this.

### Scrutiny Member training and development

The Member Development Working Group will develop in conjunction with OSC a programme of member training to cover subjects such as work programming, the role of scrutiny, questioning skills, chairing skills and conducting inquiries.

## **Embed CPA principles further** into scrutiny process

The CPA Harder Test focuses on performance management and the involvement of Members. This includes having a record of focused Member involvement in performance and identifying areas of under performance. OSC has agreed a new and more robust method for dealing with budget and performance information, which will be embedded into the scrutiny process during 2007/08.