

## **Scrutiny Business Planning Checklist**

### **1. Priorities - Is the topic**

- a corporate or service priority? In what way?
- an area where performance, outcomes or budget are a concern? How?
- one that matters to residents? Why?

### **2. What is being scrutinised and Why?**

- What should the scrutiny focus be?
- Where can the committee add value?
- What is the desired outcome from scrutiny?

### **3. When and how to scrutinise?**

- When can the committee have most influence?
- What is the best approach - committee, TFG, one-off small group?
- What research, visits or other activities are needed?
- Would scrutiny benefit from external witnesses or evidence?

### **4. Is the work programme focused and achievable?**

- Have priorities changed – should any work be stopped or put back?
- Can there be fewer items for more in-depth consideration?
- Has sufficient capacity been retained for future work?