

Title of Report:	Stronger Communities Select Committee
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	3 August 2010

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the work of the Select Committee.

Recommended Action: To note the information.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Select Committee met on 8 July 2010 and the draft minutes are attached at Appendix A. A summary of the discussions held are as follows:
- 1.2 A briefing was received on the work of the Greater Greenham Project.
- 1.3 The audit report and action plan produced following the audit of the Housing Register was received. It was noted that overall the audit found that the controls within the systems and procedures reviewed were satisfactory. This will be followed up by Audit later in the year when it is hoped that the service will be considered to be well controlled. The work being undertaken within Housing to achieve this was described and it was agreed by the Select Committee to form a small working group that will return to this topic in September to assess progress prior to the audit follow up.

2. Discussion items scheduled for the next meeting

- 2.1 The next full meeting of the Select Committee is scheduled for 21 October 2010. Draft agenda items are as follows:
 - (1) An update report from the Housing Register working group.
 - (2) A review of progress with the Playbuilder Programme.
 - (3) Receipt of a report from the supporting small schools Officer group to assess what further work, if any, is required by the Select Committee.

3. Work Programme

- 3.1 The latest work programme for the Select Committee is contained within Appendix A of item 17 of this agenda.

Appendices

Appendix A – Stronger Communities Select Committee minutes from 8 July 2010