Suggested criteria for selecting items	✓ or ×
Council Strategic Objective priority area	
Issue identified by members as key issue (through members' surgeries and other constituency activities)	
Poor performing service	
Service ranked as important by community (through market research, citizens' panels and so on)	
High level of user/general public dissatisfaction with service	
Public interest issue highlighted in local media	
High level of budgetary commitment to policy/service area	
Pattern of budgetary overspends.	
Central government corporate priority area	
Issue raised by external audit's Management Letter, or in Inspectorate Reports (OFSTED, Joint SSI, Best Value)	
New government guidance or legislation	

Suggested criteria for rejecting items	✓ or ×
Issue being examined by another internal body (executive, officer group, area arrangement)	
Issue to be addressed as part of best value review in the next 12-18 months	
New government legislation or guidance expected but not yet received.	