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Dementia	City of York Council	Dementia Review: Accessing Secondary Care	2008	<p>Due to an increasingly elderly population dementia and other mental health problems are becoming more prevalent, and more people with these complaints have the need to access secondary care for physical ailments.</p> <p>The Committee's aim was to look at whether existing services were meeting people's needs properly and whether their dementia/mental health problem was recognised and taken into consideration when treatment/appointments for other ailments were being organised.</p>
Dementia	West Sussex County Council	Services for Older People with Dementia	2007	<p>The Task Force focused on three key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first point of contact for older people with dementia and their carers • the level of service provision within West Sussex • the integration of Health and Adults' Services provision for older people with dementia. <p>The Task Force made a number of recommendations which have been forwarded to the council's cabinet member for Adults' Services, West Sussex PCT and Sussex NHS Partnership Trust.</p>
Dementia	Warwickshire County Council	Dementia Care for Older People	2007	<p>The improvement of adult social care services for older people is a key priority for the Council. Over the next 10 years the number of older people with dementia in Warwickshire is projected to rise by 27% and the over 85 population by 35%.</p> <p>This report examines how the Council needs to change to meet rising demand against a background of decreasing resources.</p>
Dementia	Warwickshire County Council	Review of Dementia Care for Older People - Outcomes	2009	This document highlights the outcomes achieved by a scrutiny review of dementia care services for older people in Warwickshire.
Dementia	East Sussex County Council	East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2008-9	Key achievements include reviewing proposals for maternity services in East Sussex; stroke services review; contributing to development of GP-led health centres in Eastbourne and Hastings; <u>review of acute assessment services for older people with dementia</u> ; scrutiny of day and vocational mental health services; examination of cervical cancer schools vaccination programme
Dementia	Brighton and Hove City Council	Current scrutiny project on Dementia Strategy	2009-	Review in progress

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Safeguarding and Adult Protection	London Borough of Bexley	Transforming Adult Social Care	2008	<p>The purpose of the review was to consider the key elements of the Social and Community Services Change Programme, to help the Council set its agenda and make recommendations as to how the following key elements of the Programme could be taken forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Adults; • Intermediate Care & Reablement; and • Joint Strategic Needs Assessment & Joint Commissioning. <p>During the scrutiny project, each element was tested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine key issues and the Council's statutory duties • assess the strengths and limitations of existing arrangements • assess and understand the needs of local residents and how this information can be brought together • consider the needs and opportunities of joint working with key stakeholders for the benefit of local residents, and • make recommendations as to the ways in which the key issues of Safeguarding Adults; Intermediate Care and Reablement; and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment/Joint Commissioning could be taken forward.
Safeguarding and Adult Protection	Norfolk County Council	Safeguarding Practice Audit	2009	<p>The aim of the audit was to evaluate the way in which internal policies, procedures and practices for the protection of vulnerable adults were working.</p> <p>The audit has involved case file checks, staff questionnaires and interviews with staff and the Police.</p>
Safeguarding and Adult Protection	Nottinghamshire County Council	Safeguarding Vulnerable Adultd	2008	<p>Between April and July 2008 the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Select Committee gathered information and evidence relating to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, the Mental Capacity Act 2005, partnership work and the development of the separate safeguarding boards for the city and the county. With the move from an adult protection focus to a wider safeguarding remit, the development of a new safeguarding board and the implications of the new legislation, the select committee members felt the time was right to gauge the impact these changes will have on the safeguarding agenda.</p>

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Safeguarding and Adult Protection	Leeds City Council	Adult Care	2003	During 2001/02 and 2002/03, the Board received reports on multi-agency adult protection work in Leeds. A recurring theme when discussing these reports was the Board's concern about the seemingly low numbers of adult protection referrals that had been received. Whilst the Board accepted that no detailed comparisons were appropriate, they were surprised to be told that early indications from a neighbouring local authority suggested that the number of referrals received by Leeds should be three times higher.
Energy	Cardiff County Council	Cardiff: Energy Efficiency into Action	2006	<p>The Environmental Scrutiny Committee undertook an inquiry into energy efficiency between October 2005 and February 2006, and focused on a number of important areas where the Council could make a difference, including council buildings, housing and planning. The outcome of the inquiry was a report presented to the Executive detailing the Committee's findings and recommendations.</p> <p>The Committee felt that although there had been some progress in promoting energy efficiency within the Council, progress had been fragmented and not taken forward in a strategic or co-ordinated manner. A number of recommendations were made to help inform the Council's Energy Management Policy and Implementation Strategy, and to help the Council develop a reputation for best practice in energy efficiency.</p>
Energy	Leeds City Council	Energy Matters	2003	<p>During the period October 2002 to April 2003, the Scrutiny Board (Development and Sustainability) conducted an inquiry into energy matters. The investigation focused on the Council's targets both to improve the energy efficiency of the city's housing stock and tackle fuel poverty, and to make progress against the targets of the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Strategy.</p> <p>In order to make progress towards the housing targets, the Board made a number of recommendations to give this area of work a higher profile. These included more inter-departmental working, but also an enhanced role for inter-agency working, as the Board felt the Council could not achieve the target improvements in energy efficiency without co-operation from other partners and property owners.</p>

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Energy	Pendle Borough Council	Pendle: Home Energy Efficiency	2006	<p>Since the review actions that have taken place include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • several events were held, aimed at raising awareness amongst Pendle people about how to reduce their fuel bills whilst helping the environment • a leaflet was prepared by Building Inspectors to give to people who are refurbishing homes, advising them of potential help towards installing energy efficiency measures • alternative sources of funding for some of the home energy efficiency grant schemes that recently lost their external funding sources were investigated • increased administrative resources were allocated to support home energy efficiency work • joint events with organisations such as Age Concern and Surestart increased • appropriate staff from external organisations were trained to identify vulnerable households when making home visits, and a fuel poverty checklist was devised to help in the process.
Energy	Derby City Council	Derby City: Home Energy Conservation	2003	<p>The report found the in-house service impressive. Taken together the 26 recommendations offer a package of actions that will help promote energy saving measures to Derby householders across the income range. Four of the recommendations identify legal or national policy changes that the City Council should lobby to achieve.</p>
Energy	Bedford Borough Council	Bedford: Delivering, and Influencing the Delivery of, Renewable Energy Technologies in Borough Council Buildings	2005	<p>The Environment Committee started this review when the Borough Council found out its energy bill was to rise significantly.</p> <p>It rapidly became aware that saving money was important, but there were equally important issues such as energy conservation, CO2 reduction, alternative renewable energy sources and climate change, which also had to be considered.</p>

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Energy	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Reducing Energy Consumption in Council Owned Buildings	2008	<p>For some time, Tameside MBC has been committed to reducing energy consumption throughout its buildings. From the outset, the Scrutiny Panel agreed that large financial savings could be made with very initial outlay, and mainly through staff involvement.</p> <p>This review examines current and future energy saving initiatives throughout the council's buildings, includes an employee/elected member consultation report on their awareness of energy saving issues, and highlights examples of best practice.</p>
Energy	Worcestershire County Council	Tackling Climate Change	2009	<p>The cross-party gathered information from a wide variety of people and organisations during their six months of work, including visitors to the Three Counties Show and Community Fair Events, young people at a special conference held in November, County Council officers, other beacon authorities and the Marches Energy Agency.</p> <p>Recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make tackling climate change a County Council Corporate Priority • ensure a named council officer is available to support schools and pupils' energy audits • incorporate climate change adaptation measures into all new building designs • map all agencies in the county which support carbon reduction.
Energy	Blaby District Council	Scrutiny Final Report Affordable Warmth Working Group	2009	<p>The objective set by the working group was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure effective targeting and promotion of affordable warmth through strong networking and systems • examine the problems associated with fuel poverty • improve the number of households targeted and referral take-up through improved networks and referral systems.
Energy	City and County of Swansea	Energy Management	2007	<p>The aim of this review was to scrutinise efficiency in Energy Management as the key to the improvement agenda based upon the Corporate objective of sustainability and concern over rising energy costs in 2006/07. It is the hope of the City and County of Swansea to become a Council that is 'Caring, Sustainable and Green'</p>

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Energy	Lancashire County Council	Energy Efficiency in County Buildings	2003	The Working Group sought information on what had been done to reduce energy consumption in Council buildings. The information would enable the Group to consider what steps could be taken to improve the Council's performance and to provide appropriate advice to others (including individual schools).
Energy	Cambridgeshire County Council	Cambridgeshire: Energy Management	2005	The review stemmed, in part, from the obligation on Cambridgeshire scrutiny committees to identify efficiency savings. Crucial to the success of the review was its comprehensive evidence base, including evidence from beacon authorities and an energy consultant. The review led to the establishment of an energy management unit at Cambridgeshire County Council.
Developer Contributions	East Northamptonshire District Council	East Northamptonshire: Annual Report	2004	This comprehensive review of the way the Council operates and administers planning obligations (arrangements for securing community benefits through developer contributions, known as Section 106 Agreements), resulted in 21 detailed recommendations being adopted by the Council at its meeting on 26 April 2004. The Committee has continued to monitor regularly, and is satisfied with, the progress being made to implement those recommendations.
Educational Attainment	Nottinghamshire County Council	GCSE Attainment and Deprivation	2009	The review examined the performance of Nottinghamshire schools at Key Stage 4, and considered if schools were doing enough to improve outcomes for pupils eligible for free school meals. The review also looked at how Nottinghamshire County Council was supporting this.
Educational Attainment	Durham County Council	Durham: Education - Key Stage 4	2007	The review focused on attainment by young people at Key Stage 4. There were some geographical differences in attainment rates across the County as well as gender issues. The project looked at the specific work underway to help to raise attainment levels.
Educational Attainment	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	Stockport: Tackling Child Poverty	2007	A review focusing on both strategic and service-based aspects of work in Stockport contributing towards the Government's goal of ending child poverty by 2020.
Educational Attainment	Medway Towns Council	Medway Towns: Key Stage 2 Attainment	2005	This review explored the reasons for low attainment of pupils at Key Stage 2, focusing on ways in which pupil achievement could be improved. The report outlines ways in which boys attainment in particular can be raised and sets out a series of findings addressed to schools and the council to take forward.

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Intergenerational Relationships	Manchester City Council	Valuing Older People Report	2004-08	The report was produced in 2004 and updated in 2008. One section of the report covers the topic of intergenerational working. In 2009 the Authority was awarded almost £400,000 to support the Generations Together initiative. The initiative includes 13 projects including intergenerational volunteering in schools, a community radio project, cookery classes, generation games and a mental health project.
Intergenerational Relationships	Gateshead Borough Council	Older Persons Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2005	<p>Through the OSC process, the need to develop intergenerational activity was identified. An intergenerational event was held involving a total of 38 younger and older people, and covering the areas of safety and neighbourhood, food, transport, war and fashion.</p> <p>In 2009 Gateshead won a share of £5.5 million fund allocated across 12 projects (the Generations Together project) to help close widening generation gap through volunteering.</p>
Intergenerational Relationships	Worcestershire County Council	Intergenerational Strategy		<p>Worcestershire is one of very few authorities with an intergenerational strategy already in place. Varied and innovative activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employability /development - harnessing the experiences and knowledge of 'older people' to help some of the County's 16 – 19 year olds who are not in education or employment prepare for their search for work – including job coaching and a 'buddy' system to support young people in the first few weeks in the workplace • Multi-Media Inclusion Project – using the skills of younger volunteers to provide shared computer learning and help older people use the internet to access information, such as energy saving or healthy eating tips • capturing experiences of economic downturn - producing a DVD of interviews with old and young volunteers from urban and rural communities capturing the experiences of living through recession.

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Intergenerational Relationships	Derbyshire County council	Intergenerational Strategy	2007	<p>Intergenerational projects that informed the development of this strategy included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four book groups that have brought the opportunity to read and discuss books into residential homes, a sheltered housing complex and a community venue. Group members were aged thirteen to sixteen and sixty to eighty-five • Four gardening projects with group members aged five to sixteen years and fifty to eighty-plus have resulted in an allotment, a wildlife garden and two sensory gardens • A digital photography project which will run until September 2007 when a book, depicting village life through photographs, will be launched • A writing and drama project, which culminated in a drama performance. A DVD of the performance was produced and used as a teaching aid.
Intergenerational Relationships	Leeds City Council			The authority intends to Develop a 5-year intergenerational strategy, incorporating an annual intergenerational festival, embedding the benefits of positive interactions between generations to the wider community.
Skills Shortage and Job Opportunities	Birmingham City Council	Effectiveness of Employment Strategies	2009	Members of the Regeneration O&S Committee received many performance reports on local employment programmes. Although these reports were positive, they resulted in little reduction in overall worklessness rates of those areas. Members therefore wanted to explore in more detail what was happening and what impact the additional money being spent in these areas was having.

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Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Bradford City Council	Scrutiny of Worklessness in the Bedford District	2007	Worklessness was identified as a major issue through the Committee's annual work planning process. This combined looking at performance information within the context of the Council's priorities, and discussion with relevant Directors and Portfolio Holder.
Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Durham County Council	Working Group Report on Worklessness	2007	The promotion of economic wellbeing, through a combination of reducing the number of people claiming incapacity benefits, job creation and the knowledge economy, was identified as a priority. The working group explored current mechanisms in place in the authority and in several other agencies, and investigated ways to improve these mechanisms in order to support vulnerable people back into employment.
Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Hartlepool Borough Council	Youth Employment - Final Report	2007	Scrutiny Forums in Hartlepool considered work programme items based on a number of sources, including Members, Heads of Service, Portfolio Holders and Local Area Agreement Targets. The investigation into 'Youth Unemployment' was selected by Members as it appeared that supporting young people to gain suitable employment was a priority.
Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	London Borough of Hackney	Young People in Hackney not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	2007	Members reviewed a wide ranging number of topics relating to NEETs, including background national legislation and guidance, the role of the Connexions Service and Youth Services, the impact of developments in secondary education provision in Hackney and nationally, and work and training opportunities available to young people in the Borough. The needs of Voluntary and Community Sector Services providing assistance and support to NEET young people and their parents/carers were also reviewed.
Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Graduate Unemployment: Report of the Transition from Education to Employment Scrutiny	2007	A working group investigated: the common barriers that graduates were faced with trying to enter employment or training opportunities in the borough; and providing access to employment or training opportunities for new graduates. After carrying out the investigation, it was agreed that the availability of jobs was not an issue, but support was necessary to help new graduates access paid work.

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Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Middlesbrough Council	Final Report - Worklessness	2006	The Economic Regeneration and Transport Panel at Middlesbrough Council recognised that there had been a shift in government focus from unemployment to worklessness. It was felt amongst members that this was especially relevant for Middlesbrough because the town has one of the worst rates of worklessness in England.
Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Nottingham City Council	Review of Training and Employment	2006	The review looked at training in the city of Nottingham and whether it is effective in leading to employment. It focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the City Council's activity in promoting and providing training leading to employment for city residents; • the City Council's role in supporting employment of local people; • the role of other organisations in promoting and providing training leading to employment for city residents including further and higher education establishments, voluntary organisations and social enterprises; • the effectiveness of partnership working in this field; and • the needs of businesses in the city and their role in training city residents.
Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Redditch Borough Council	Jobs, Employment & the Economy Leisure, Tourism & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2005	The purpose of this review was to articulate the challenges and priorities in the Redditch economy as they affect employers, the people working in Redditch, and those who will be seeking jobs in Redditch in the future. This report was written by the Members of Leisure, Tourism & Economy O&S Committee.

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Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Sedgefield District Council	The Council's Contribution to Reducing Economic Inactivity (Increasing Employability)	2007	<p>The review group gathered information and evidence as follows:</p> <p>Attendance by officers and members from within the Council and outside bodies to provide information, undertake presentations and respond to questions from the Review Group: Members also analysed data and reports, undertook a visit to Sedgefield Borough Training Centre, to gain an understanding of the services provided.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Review Group also attended a Durham Employability Workshop, Initiatives to Tackle Employability in County Durham, mapping worklessness initiatives in the County, identifying strengths and weaknesses of different approaches and drawing on examples of good practice. He also visited Finchale College, Durham to examine programmes offered by the College following a referral from Job Centre Plus.</p>
Skills Shortage and Work Opportunities in Difficult Times	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Services for Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel. Review of Staying On Rates in Post 16 Education, Employment and Training	2008	The review highlights examples of good practice being carried out in Tameside schools and by Connexions. However it also produces a number of recommendations which aim to further develop the existing careers information and support infrastructure, in order to maximise young people's capacity for making the most appropriate choices about their future learning and career pathways.
Extended Schools	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	Extended Schools Lifelong Learning, Leisure and Cultural Services Scrutiny Committee	2004	The review focused on two key objectives; to examine in more depth extended school pathfinder projects that have been developed and identify what Stockport can learn from these; and to define a set of criteria for successful extended school projects.

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Extended Schools	Leeds City Council	Report of Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) Extended Schools Date	2005	<p>This inquiry considered how the extended schools concept was being developed in Leeds, through a number of formal meetings and visits to schools and units. The recommendations centred on partnership working and engagement with school leaders and governors. More specifically, the inquiry investigated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current position in Leeds in developing the principles of extended schools • the potential benefits for pupils and schools, families and communities • the capacity to analyse local need and generate local involvement • the role of area management arrangements in influencing the development of extended schools • the role of other key partners and stakeholders in developing the concept of extended schools • the role of parental involvement (the Scrutiny Board decided that parental involvement should form a strand of each of their major inquiries during the year).
Extended Schools	Middlesbrough Council	Final Report - Extendedn Schools	2008	<p>The terms of reference of the scrutiny investigation were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to explore the background to the development of extended schools, including the impact of any relevant national guidance or directives; • to investigate the key issues relating to the extended schools programme, including the Council's responsibilities and how the programme is being developed in Middlesbrough; • to assess the impact of any relevant performance indicators or performance measures; • to investigate resource and funding arrangements and to examine any associated issues; and • to examine links with other education initiatives and programmes.

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Extended Schools	London Borough of Haringey Council	Scrutiny Review of Extended Services In and Around Schools	2007	<p>The review panel was asked to scrutinise the way in which extended services in and around schools were being developed in Haringey. The panel considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the advantages resulting from schools providing extended services; • the Government's targets and the advice given by them and other bodies; and • the actions being taken by the council and local schools to implement the government's targets.
Extended Schools	Harrow Council	Scrutiny Review – Extended Schools as Community Resources	2009	<p>The Extended Schools Review was carried out as part of the Overview and Scrutiny 2008/09 work programme to assess progress and identify gaps in the current level of extended services. The review also considered how successful schools were in providing access to the core offer of services. Their long-term sustainability was another area the review group considered as part of the review.</p>
Extended Schools	Southwark Council	Extended schools Report of the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee	2007	<p>In 2006/07 the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee undertook a 'light-touch' review into extended school provision. The intent was to obtain a snapshot view of the services delivered, with the possibility of revisiting the subject in the future to monitor progress.</p> <p>The review was intended to inform the current implementation process, to raise issues that were highlighted through discussions regarding site visits, and to contribute further to planning and implementation. The Members of the Sub-Committee were particularly interested in looking at community engagement, the mix of extended schools activities, funding and sustainability and the behaviour management of students.</p>

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Waste	Wiltshire County Council	Wiltshire: Waste	2004	<p>The Task Group was set up with the aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive information about the setting of the performance indicator targets for waste, as stated in the council's Performance and Improvement Plan 2003-04 and the Executive's proposals for achieving these • support the Environmental Services Department in its efforts to develop programmes for improved waste recycling and reduction, alongside the Wiltshire Waste Partnership, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Wiltshire Strategic Board.
Waste	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Stockton-on-Tees: Waste Management	2005	<p>The Committee were tasked with examining the issue in recognition of the growing waste problem. The aims of the review were to promote waste reduction through examination and amendment of Stockton Borough Council waste collection policies, and to make recommendations in terms of measures to help improve community participation in recycling and waste minimisation schemes.</p> <p>Evidence was collected from council officers, other local authorities and the local residents panel. A site visit was also undertaken to the local incinerator, and the Committee were accompanied by a Professor of Regional Planning from the University of Liverpool. Following the visit, the Committee heard evidence from Renew Tees Valley. Recommendations from the review were endorsed at a meeting of Cabinet in August 2005.</p>
Waste	Oxfordshire County Council	Oxfordshire: Waste Not Want Not	2005	<p>This review looked at the alternatives ways to reduce Oxfordshire County Council's reliance on landfill as a means of dealing with its waste, and compared the different technologies for recovering energy from waste.</p>
Waste	London Borough of Merton	Review of Waste Collection	2006	<p>The main focus of this review was the waste collection service, including general refuse collection, recycling, garden and bulky waste services.</p> <p>The review was undertaken over a five month period and evidence was gathered from a wide variety of sources including: a public consultation exercise, results of annual residents survey, visits to recycling and re-use centres, meetings with front line staff and information from other local authorities. The recommendations arising from the review were agreed at Cabinet on the 6th March 2006.</p>

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Waste	Monmouthshire County Council	Monmouthshire: Partnerships in Waste Management	2007	<p>The prospect of extensive fining for landfilling waste post 2012 led to four authorities in South Wales (Cardiff, Newport, Monmouthshire and the Vale of Glamorgan) embarking on the first joint scrutiny on this scale to discover the benefits and challenges of partnership-working on waste management.</p> <p>Through a challenging and complex investigation, the Authorities managed out the political and cultural issues that inevitably arose through four Councils with different political make-ups, investigating joint service delivery of Waste Management.</p> <p>The joint scrutiny exercise afforded Members a clear understanding of the challenges presented by partnership working and the benefits of working collaboratively, enabling them to make robust evidenced-based recommendations to their four Executives. The joint scrutiny exercise sought to establish a strong partnership of authorities in the South Wales region to address an issue of fundamental importance to their citizens.</p>
Waste	London Borough of Richmond upon Thames	Richmond: Waste Disposal	2005	<p>In September 2004 several hundred residents took part in an Internet poll of topics for Scrutiny to investigate. Waste disposal came top with over a third of votes cast and almost three times more votes than the next priority topic. On this basis, Members of the Environment OSC decided to establish a Task Group.</p> <p>In 2004 Borough residents produced over 86 thousand tonnes of waste - enough to fill Twickenham stadium with rubbish to a depth of 50m. The task group agreed that the way the Authority dealt with waste had to change, and that a greater concern on environmental and financial costs was needed.</p>
Waste	Surrey County Council	Surrey: Waste Management Strategy	2006	<p>This Select Committee review evaluated the waste treatment technologies available to deal with residual waste and then moved on to look at Surrey County Council's municipal waste management strategy in the round.</p> <p>This second part of the review looked at the choice of sites in the Waste Disposal Authority Action Plan, the number of facilities required and the suggested technology type in the context of Surrey.</p>

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Waste	Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	Stockport: the Future for Waste	2005	This review investigated the effectiveness of the waste collection service and examined options to reduce the amount of waste that is sent for disposal. The review also verified that the Council's recycling and composting approach to waste management was supported.
Waste	London Borough of Redbridge	Redbridge: Waste Minimisation and Recycling	2008	The Working Group examined the Council's approach to recycling and the wider waste minimisation agenda investigated various methods that can be used to encourage residents to recycle more of their waste, to reduce the amount sent to landfill. The recommendations support extending the range of materials recycled and ongoing promotion and encouragement of recycling. The Scrutiny Working Group was also an opportunity for the Council to reaffirm its commitment to help residents dispose of their waste in both a convenient and sustainable way.
Waste	London Borough of Hillingdon	Hillingdon: Encouraging Waste Reduction & Recycling	2007	The review recommended food waste recycling, re-designing amenity site and better education and publicity. It was also found that plastic bags were preferred to wheelie bins.
Waste	The Telford and Wrekin Council	Telford and Wrekin: Waste Disposal Strategy	2005	Members of the commission were asked to submit their comments on the draft Waste Disposal Strategy. In order to make informed comments, members carried out some investigations into the technological, financial and environmental aspects of the various methods of waste disposal available.
Waste	Leeds City Council	Leeds: Bulky Waste Collection Service	2004	An inquiry conducted via a working group into the proposed service changes for the bulky household waste collection service in Leeds.
Waste	Salisbury District Council	Salisbury: Waste Management Targets	2006	The Waste Management Targets Review Group was commissioned by the Council's Environment & Transport Overview & Scrutiny Panel in May 2005 to undertake a review of refuse collection and recycling in the District, focusing on the best way to adapt the current service to meet the targets set by the government.
Waste	Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Wakefield: Recycling	2004	This inquiry examined what the Council is currently doing to promote the recycling of waste, and made a series of recommendations to assist the Council in making improvements and achieving its targets.

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Waste	Middlesbrough Council	Middlesbrough: Recycling	2006	The aim of the Scrutiny review was to: investigate the Council's involvement in recycling in the context of the overall trend of increased waste generation; to examine national developments; and consider the possible development of a strategy for green waste.
Waste	North Yorkshire County Council	North Yorkshire: Roads to Re-use and Recycling	2006	The Transport and Telecommunications Overview and Scrutiny Committee were aware that the County Council had already adopted an environmentally-friendly ethic by recycling plastic bollards and road planings. This scrutiny review, however, sought to dig deeper to uncover any innovative and imaginative ways of re-using and recycling materials for highway use.
Waste	Portsmouth City Council	Review Into the Effectiveness of Recycling and Recycling Initiatives	2005	This review looked at the effectiveness of recycling and recycling initiatives as a whole. It started in December 2004 and completed in September 2005. The Panel received evidence from a number of sources, which it used to draw up a series of recommendations to submit to the Executive.