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Dear Mrs Telling

**Re: Scrutiny and Policy Review and Development Committees' Work Programmes**

These four Committees form a vital part of Local Government. Their role is to:

- ensure the Council's Executive takes the best decisions in the interests of local people;
- review and help improve local services;
- investigate, and assist in resolving, issues that concern local people.

The Members of these Committees are **keen to know what Pertenhall and Swineshead Parish Council would like them to investigate** in the next municipal year. It is important that these issues really interest or concern local residents. For example over the past year the Committees have investigated:

- NHS Continuing Health Care;
- Building Schools for the Future Funding;
- Highway Maintenance in the Borough.

We would also like to ask whether it is possible to include a request for feedback from the public by running an article in your local magazine, or perhaps on your website? Please contact me if you could assist us in this.

Please note that the Scrutiny and Overview committees do not deal with individual queries, such as individual planning applications or housing benefit claims. Any such queries should be addressed to the relevant department.



A wide range of individuals and organisations are being consulted in this process. The deadline for responses to the consultation is **16 April 2010**. The replies will be used by the Committees to draw up their Annual Work Programmes to **reflect local priorities**. Your views really can make a difference.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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