

Local Government and Public Services Committee

Scrutinising European Legislation

Purpose

1. This paper contains details of recent EU documents related to the Local Government and Public Services portfolio deposited in the UK Parliament and relevant items from the EU's forward work programme.

Background

2. Scrutinising EU documents deposited in the UK Parliament is a regular item for the Committee, following agreement by the Panel of Chairs of a system for more proactive scrutiny of European legislation by subject committees.

Documents deposited from January 2005 to February 2005

3. Details of all relevant documents relating to the Local Government and Public Services portfolio deposited in the UK Parliament in January and February 2005 attached. Each document is accompanied by brief background information.

Items in the EU's Forward Work Programme 2005

4. Details of relevant items from the EU's forward work programme for 2005 are also attached. These items will be published in draft form during the year. Members will therefore, have the opportunity to comment on the draft regulation and directives before they are formally adopted.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is invited to note the attached documents and identify any items they wish scrutinise further.

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