

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

21 OCTOBER 2005

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To ensure that Members are aware of what took place at the Overview and Scrutiny Board 21 September and 4 October.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. At the previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the following matters were discussed and considered necessary to feed back to the Panel.

21 September

AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Strategic Audit Plan 2005/06 – 2007/08	<p>The report outlined the Strategic Audit Plan prepared by the Head of Internal Audit which was a risk-based audit plan designed to achieve the maximum audit coverage from the resources available.</p> <p>The Board agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i) note the reportii) That financial reports should be structured where possible to fit in with the existing OSB timetableiii) That the Board endorsed the review of the audit function. The review would consider different ways of dealing with increased demands upon the service. The Board wished this view to be conveyed to CMT and the Executive

4 October

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Youth Service Action Plan	<p>The Report detailed the Panel's view of the Action Plan. Members noted the comments and recommendations of the Final Report.</p> <p>It was agreed that the updated version of the YSAP would be presented to the Children & Learning Scrutiny Panel in 6 months time and the Chair suggested that the monitoring of actions would be beneficial.</p>
Investigation into the Warden Service.	<p>Members noted the report and referred it back to the Panel, as requested by the Mayor.</p> <p>At the Executive meeting that took place on the 27th September, the Mayor requested that the report be put on hold for approximately a month. The Mayor explained that he wishes to investigate issues surrounding the operation of wardens that relate to the AIM report.</p> <p>Members also agreed that once revised, the Report should draw evidence from the Mayor/ Executive Member/ Community Safety Officers and the Public. Members believed that investigating the specific function of wardens, the future focus of warden activity and the associated financial implications would be advantageous. The Panel may also wish to draw evidence from the Police Force.</p>
Executive's Forward Work Programme.	That the information contained with the report was noted.
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	<p>A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.</p> <p>With regards to the Health Scrutiny Panel meeting that was scheduled to take place on the 28th September, the quorum could not be achieved due to absence and it was agreed that those present would adjourn. Therefore the information will have to be received at a later date.</p>
Robustness of Budget Calculations	The Report detailed the robustness of budget forecasts and the adequacy of the proposed level of financial reserves. The information contained with the report was noted.
AOB – Annual Report	A draft version of the Annual Report was distributed to Members in attendance. Those absent are to receive a copy via post. Any amendments or comments should be communicated to Scrutiny Support by the 10 th October 05.

**COUNCILLOR EDDIE DRYDEN
CHAIR OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) The agenda papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 21 September and 4 October .

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