



**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD
16 NOVEMBER 2004**

***AD HOC* PANEL ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PROGRESS REPORT**

The Panel has met on two occasions. It has established its remit and work programme, intending to complete by February or March 2005.

To date, it has considered, and commented on, the Council's new Corporate Consultation Strategy, and has examined in detail consultation practice in the planning process.

The future programme includes:

- a contribution from the Mayor of his views on community engagement
- an overview of statutory consultation requirements
- consultation via the Voiceover panel, surveys, focus groups, etc
- the role of community councils and area consultation clusters
- consultation of 'hard-to-reach' groups
- consideration of best practice elsewhere.

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