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## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2005

### ADD HOC SCRUTINY PANEL

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### PROGRESS REPORT

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel examining Community Engagement.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 2 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the actions of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel resulting from its meeting of 30th March 2005.

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

3. The Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel examining Community Engagement held a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, following an introductory report from the Council's Community Regeneration Manager. The Panel met representatives from four Community Councils, to ensure the Panel has a realistic understanding of how these organisations operated.

4. The introductory report outlined the structure of Community Councils and the level of support provided by this Council to the individual Community Councils.
5. Representatives of the Community Councils outlined the level of attendance at their meetings and indicated the relationship with Ward Members. This was followed by a discussion of the range of issues that faced Community Councils and were considered at their meetings.
6. The Chair of the Panel has distributed a questionnaire for all members to complete. The results of which are targeted to be conveyed to the Panel's next meeting, scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2005.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background paper was used in the preparation of this report: -

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