

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 21 June 2005.

PRESENT: Councillor Mawston (Vice Chair) (In the Chair); Councillors Dryden, McTigue, Mawston, Robson, Rooney, T Ward and Wilson.

OFFICIALS: J Bennington, P Clark and E Williamson.

**** AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was submitted on behalf of the Chair, Councillor Carr.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

SCRUTINY PANELS - WORK PROGRAMMES 2005/06

A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted which outlined the background to the formulation of suggested Work Programmes for each Scrutiny Panel. The reports included details of appropriate timescales for undertaking the reviews for consideration.

It was acknowledged that in addition it might prove necessary for Panels to respond to emerging issues and undertake reviews on an ad hoc basis throughout the year.

The suggested topics for review were reported as follows: -

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel:

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| a) Youth Action Plan (following the Ofsted Inspection Report) | July 2005 |
| b) Primary Review - Falling Rolls in Primary Schools | September 2005 |
| c) Building Schools for the Future | December 2005 |
| d) Special Needs - Role of the Infant & Junior Assessment Units - v - the Policy | February 2006 |
| e) Leadership - How are the LEA held to account in developing our schools? What do we do for our schools? | To be embarked upon should time constraints allow |
| f) Ofsted Inspection Reports | Following document's production |
| g) Annual Standards Report | Following document's production |

Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel:

- a) Wardens and Funding - the present funding of which would expire in 2006. The review would be to assess how are the wardens deployed and what options are available to fund the resource.
- b) Boro Buzz - identified in both the Corporate Plan and the Policing Plan for 2005 as an initiative, which was targeted to reduce anti social behaviour and the fear of crime engaging both Leisure and Community Safety.
- c) Anti-Social Behaviour -

which had been referenced in the Corporate Plan, Policing Plan and raised as an area of concern by the public. The aim of a review would be to assess the incidence levels, the damage and levels of enforcement.

- d) Playing Pitches - which the Panel had referenced in last year's programme. The aim of a review would be to target specifically towards the Changing Facilities.

Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel:

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| a) Worklessness | June 2005 |
| b) Residents Parking - Traffic Warden Deployment | December 2005 |
| c) Entrepreneurship | To be confirmed |
| d) Concessionary Fares | To be confirmed |

Environment Scrutiny Panel:

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| a) Bi-yearly Monitoring Report on the recommendations of the Streetscene Scrutiny Investigation first meeting | 29 June 2005 |
| b) Recycling Policy | July 2005 |
| c) Maintenance of Green Spaces | December 2005 |
| d) Litter Bin Policy | To be determined |

Health Scrutiny Panel:

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| a) Tobacco Control | July 2005 |
| b) NHS Direct and Out of Hours services | December 2005 |
| b) Role of Voluntary & Community Sector in provision of Care for long term conditions. | March 2006 |

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel:

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| a) Developing Learning Disabilities Services | June 2005 |
| b) Services for Carers | November 2005 |
| c) Effective Multi Agency Working Practices | To be determined |
| c) Review of Older People's Service Inspection - Implementation of the Action Plan | To be determined |
| d) Fair Access to Care Services. | Further details in November 2005. |

Reference was made to comments at a recent meeting of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel regarding the 'One Stop Shop' system and concerns previously raised regarding the lack of feedback to Members on whether tasks or complaints had been addressed. It was suggested that the findings of the independent examination on such a system currently being undertaken be presented to a subsequent meeting of the Board.

ORDERED as follows: -

1. That the work programmes as outlined be approved subject to the following amendments:
 - i) that in respect of a) under Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel 'fund the resource' be deleted and 'assess funding sustainability' added;
 - ii) that the topic identified under c) of the Health Scrutiny Panel be deleted and 'Independent Sector Provision' be added.
2. That the findings of the independent examination of the 'One Stop Shop' be presented to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

3. That the suggested topics identified at the meeting of the Board held on 14 June 2005 for possible inclusion in the Board's work programme be considered at the next meeting of the Board scheduled for 12 July 2005.