

AGENDA ITEM: 4a

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

25 April 2006

SCRUTINY PANELS' RESPONSES TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN - 2006/07

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the views of each Scrutiny Panel following their consideration of the relevant sections of the Council's Strategic Plan relating to 2006/07.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the recommendations of the individual Scrutiny Panels in relation to the 2006/07 Strategic Plan.

PANEL RESPONSES

3. **Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel** held a meeting on the 21 March 2006. The Panel made a number of enquiries into the proposed planned actions for 2006/07. In conclusion the Panel did not identify any areas for amendment or inclusion and consequently endorsed the 4 Actions and their identified milestones.
4. The Panel has identified issues within Action 2 of the service proposals they want to bring forth for further consideration when establishing their work programme for 2006/07.
5. **Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel** -The Panel met on 21 March 2006 to consider the proposed planned actions for inclusion within the Council's Strategic Plan. The Panel did not identify any areas of concern or issues to be considered for inclusion. Consequently the proposals are presented to this Board for endorsement.

6. **Health Scrutiny Panel** – The Panel met on 27 March 2006 to consider the proposed sections pertaining to the Panel's remit. The Panel understood and supported the contents of the 'Healthier Communities for All' section, although expressed the view that there were two specific subject areas that were not sufficiently represented. Firstly, the Panel felt that there was not sufficient coverage given to child health and specific concerns around the promotion of good physical and mental health for children. Secondly, the Panel noted that there was no mention of the health of the BME community and specific areas of concern such as an increased risk of certain conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.
7. **Environment Scrutiny Panel** - The Panel met on 3 April 2006 to consider the relevant sections of the Strategic Plan. In considering the proposed actions relating to open spaces, the Panel referred to the problem of vehicle damage to grass verges. It was agreed that this issue should be highlighted for future consideration. Subject to this comment it was agreed to endorse the actions which were planned to address the 2006/07 strategic priorities.
8. **Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel** - The Panel met on 3 April 2006 to consider those issues presented within the Strategic Plan which fall within this remit. The Panel supported the planned actions that had been identified to address strategic priorities in five key areas.
9. **Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel** – The panel met on 6 April to consider two themes within the Strategic Plan pertinent to the panel's remit, 'Promoting Economic Vitality' and 'Meeting Local Transport Needs'. The Panel supported the planned actions that had been identified to address the strategic priorities.

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**COUNCILLOR CHARLES ROONEY
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**COUNCILLOR JOHN COLE
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**COUNCILLOR LINDA WILSON
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**COUNCILLOR EDDIE DRYDEN
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**COUNCILLOR MARTIN BOOTH
CHAIR OF THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Extracts of the proposed Strategic Plan for 2006/07 – 2009/10 were used in the preparation of this report as follows: -

Report to Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel – 21st March 2006: “Strategic Plan 2006/07”.

Report to Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – 21st March 2006: “Strategic Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10 – Promoting Healthy Communities for all and Effective Social Care for Adults Theme”

Report to Environment Scrutiny Panel – 3rd April 2006: “Strategic Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10 – Transforming our Local Environment Theme”

Report to Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel – 4th April 2006: “Strategic Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10 – Supporting Children and Learning Theme”

Report to the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel – 6 April 2006: “Strategic Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10 – Promoting Economic Vitality

Report to the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel – 6 April 2006: “Strategic Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10 – Meeting Local Transport Needs

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