



Overview and Scrutiny Board

5th June, 2007

Community Engagement

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide feedback to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on the decisions taken by the Deputy Mayor in respect of the report on Community Engagement together with the recommendations that had been made by the Board on the report.

Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Board considered a report on Community Engagement at its meeting on the 3rd April. Following that meeting, the report was subsequently submitted to the Deputy Mayor on 2nd May for determination. The Deputy Mayor at that meeting also considered the recommendations that had been made by the Board, together with the service response to those recommendations.

3. The decisions taken by the Deputy Mayor are detailed below:

That subject to i) below, where relevant:

- a) a review of the Community Council Cluster arrangements as detailed in the report be approved;
- b) an IT-based guide detailing the support services currently available to Members be produced;
- c) an engagement document, based on the Civil Renewal Strategy, be produced to assist Members in identifying engagement opportunities.
- d) further work be undertaken in developing the link between community workers and ward councillors;
- e) the potential implications on the role of the councillor arising out of the Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' be noted and that further reports be submitted to the Executive as appropriate.
- f) the progress made on the implementation of the Executive Service response to the Ad-Hoc Panel's recommendations be noted;

g) where possible, the proposals contained within the submitted report, be implemented in the new Municipal Year, following the local elections in May 2007;

h) the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board be noted; and

i) the service response to the Board's recommendations be approved.

4. The service response, which also contains the Board's recommendations, is attached as an appendix to this report.

Recommendation

5. That the position be noted.

Background Papers

Report on Community Engagement submitted to the Deputy Mayor at his meeting on 2nd May

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