

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the progress of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The panel have begun their 2007/08 work programme with a 'setting the scene' presentation by the Social Care department on the work of the street wardens.
3. Following discussions at the meeting the following terms of reference were established

Aim - To undertake a review of the developing role of the street warden and the street warden service following the recent change in management arrangements.

The suggested terms of reference for the review are as follows:

- (a) To gain an understanding of the principles of the current street warden service.
- (b) To consider the future direction of the role of street wardens, especially where the emphasis of their role lies?
- (c) With regard to the role of the wardens, through liaison with the Social Care department and the street wardens, consider if the training for the new role is adequate and consider any ideas that could further develop and improve the service.
- (d) To consider if street wardens should be given the powers of enforcement. By considering areas of best practice nationally and by comparing schemes where wardens do, and do not, have the powers of enforcement.

- (e) To ascertain how the new management arrangements have impacted on the delivery of the service including its performance and effectiveness.
4. In order to undertake the review the panel intends to visit an AIMS meeting, go out with street wardens and compare different warden schemes across the country.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report.

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