

SCRUTINY

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROGRESS REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010

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1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the overall work of the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Task and Finish Groups over the last two months.

2. Performance Overview and Scrutiny (Leisure)

The recommendations of this Committee were presented to the special Cabinet meeting on 17 December 2009 when it was agreed that the Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee continue to receive updates on Leisure, following Council's recommendations at its meeting on 25th February 2010. The updates will include monitoring the funding agreements and the work programmes emerging from the Council's decisions

3. Performance Overview and Scrutiny

At its meeting on 11th November the following reports were presented:

- Development Control Targets
- Update on Tourism within the Borough
- Performance Target Updates
- Integrated Performance Report – Quarter 2
- Equalities Performance Report

It was agreed that a number of service areas should attend the next meeting to provide an update on underachieving targets. These were in relation to Planning Performance Targets DC3 and DC4 and Committee and Members Services Performance Targets CMS2, CMS3, CMS4 and CMS10.

The January meeting was cancelled and agenda items have been deferred to both the February and March meetings.

4. Policy Overview and Scrutiny

This Committee met in December and received the following reports:

- Statement of Principles
- Restricted Information Sharing Protocol

In relation to the Information Sharing Protocol the Head of Customer Services updated members on the improvements that had been made to the legalities of the Protocol since it had been considered by the Committee in August.

Members raised concerns regarding a lack of termination deadlines within the Protocol. It was noted that this was due to the fact that the Protocol was based on the Restricted Information Act, and Local Authorities were not permitted to

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alter the terms of the Act. However, a local policy could be considered which would take into account concerns raised by Members.

Meeting on 25th January 2010

The Committee received the following reports:

- Review of Enforcement Policies Briefing Notes from the Communities Team and Environmental Health
- Community Cohesion Policy Statement incorporating the Equalities Strategy
- National Policy Statement

5. Value for Money Task and Finish Group

The Task and Finish Group met on 27th January to discuss their findings of the site visits to the Citizen Advice Bureau, Sunnycrest and the Haslingden Credit Union. The recommendations have been discussed earlier in the agenda.

6. Monitoring of LAAs

The Task and Finish Group met on 20th January and received a presentation from the Principal Policy Officer and the Environmental Health Manager on the context and overview of Local Area Agreements and the Council's position within this.

The theme for the next meeting would be Older People.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is asked to note the progress work undertaken by Members.

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