
OVERVIEW OF THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work undertaken by the Resources Scrutiny Committee :-
 - (a) **Consultation Methods** – As Members will be aware, we have held a task and finish review, which all Members of the Committee were invited to participate in, to discuss internal consultation methods within the Authority. This review is now complete and a number of recommendations have been forwarded to Cabinet for approval.
 - (b) **Craft Apprentices Review Group** – This Group is still on-going and will continue in the Municipal Year 2004/05. To date, we have obtained information on what craft apprenticeship training is available within the Authority and the current situation in relation to the employment of craft apprentices within the Community Services Department.
 - (c) **Sickness Absence Review Group** – We have undertaken a further piece of work into the levels of sickness absence within the Authority. Although we have made a number of recommendations to Cabinet in relation to this the work of the Sickness Absence Task and Finish Review Group will be on-going and will be monitored very closely.
 - (d) **Housing Investment Programme 2004/05** – Following the receipt of a call-in by three Members of the Scrutiny Committee, we have scrutinised the decision of Cabinet in relation to the Housing Investment Programme 2004/05. The Cabinet Member with Portfolio for Housing and the Director of Community Services attended this meeting and gave comprehensive answers to the various questions raised. Members were satisfied with these responses and supported Cabinet's decision.
 - (e) **Town Centre Car Parking Proposals** – We will also be holding a special joint meeting with the Environment Scrutiny Committee on the 13th May to discuss the proposals for Town Centre Car Parking.

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