
**OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee has undertaken :-

(a) **Work Programme** – We considered the Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2005/06 and examined Cabinet’s Forward Plan for particular areas of interest and concern and are examining further areas for undertaking Task and Finish Review Groups during 2005/06 as this Committee’s next major Review.

(b) **Review Groups** – Since my last report, I can advise that investigations continue with regard to the Dogs Review Group and on 27th June, 2005 we received a presentation from Paul Dunn, the Managing Director of Animal Wardens who can provide local authorities with a private Dog Warden Service. The presentation was very interesting and provided the Members and Officers who attended with a greater understanding of what a private Dog Warden Service could offer this authority.

With regard to the Joint Task and Finish Review Group on Gully Cleaning the Group have now prepared their final report and this will be presented to the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on 16th August, 2005 for consideration.

(c) **Environmental Services Service Plan** – We examined the Environmental Services Service Plan for 2005/06 containing the objectives and priorities for Environmental Services measured against Best Value Indicators and local targets and agreed to continually monitor the Service Plan and progress against these targets.

(d) **Public Protection Service Plan** – We examined the Public Protection Service Plan for 2005/06 which set out the targets and improvements for the forthcoming year and agreed to continually monitor the Service Plan and progress against these targets.

(e) **Best Value – Regulatory Services** – We received a report to review progress on the Best Value Review of Regulatory Services Improvement Plan.

- (f) **Civil Contingencies Act 2005** – We received a report on the Civil Contingencies Act 2005 and arrangements for its implementation, taking into consideration the implications of the Act on this Council. It was agreed that this Scrutiny Committee receive an update on the implementation of the Act at their next meeting scheduled for 16th August so that Members can monitor the effects on this Council of the implementation of the Act.

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