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

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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 it has been agreed to hold one more meeting of the Group to consider final recommendations in relation to the Review Group on Dogs and it is hoped that the final report will now be presented to the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 13th October, 2005.

With regard to the Joint Task and Finish Review Group on Gully Cleaning the Group have now prepared their final report and this was presented to the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on 16th August, 2005 when the recommendations of the Review Group were approved by the Scrutiny Committee. These recommendations will be forwarded to the relevant Director for their action.

It was also agreed at the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 16th August, 2005 to establish a Task and Finish Review Group to investigate CCTV in bus shelters.

- (c) **Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2005/06** – We gave consideration to the Youth Offending Service Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 and made comments thereon. Members also agreed to undertake a visit to the Youth Offending Team.
- (d) **Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour** – We received a report informing us of the changes to the operational and management structures in relation to anti-social behaviour and community safety. Members welcomed the changes aimed at improving the Council’s effectiveness in tackling anti-social behaviour, however, some concerns were raised with regard to the mechanisms for sharing intelligence across the team. Following discussions Members agreed that an opportunity to attend one of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team’s meetings to observe would be of benefit and agreed to explore this further.

- (e) **Review of Conditions and Policies Relating to Hackney Carriages, Private Hire Vehicles and Their Drivers and Operators** – We considered the proposed changes to the conditions and policies in respect of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles, their drivers and operators. Members agreed that the proposed changes would enhance the taxi trade and in particular, welcomed the introduction of the requirement for public liability insurance. Members also suggested that passengers be not able to hear to two-way radio discussions between the drivers and the control room and asked for this suggestion to be considered by the Taxi Consultation Forum.

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