
**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 2004/05 and examined Cabinet’s Forward Plan for particular areas of interest and concern and are constantly examining areas for undertaking Task and Finish Review Groups and this Committee’s next major Review.
 - (b) **Kerbside Recycling Scheme – Task and Finish Review** - The final report giving the Groups findings and recommendations was presented to the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on 26th October, 2005. The Group also felt that the work that they had undertaken and their recommendations would be of particular interest to the Waste SMART Team, who are presently working in Darlington, and these have been forwarded to the Project Co-ordinator.

Presentation – We also received a presentation from Claire Charles, the Waste SMART Project Co-ordinator on the recently awarded Waste Recycling Action Programme funding of £450,000 received from Durham County Council to work in partnership with the eight district councils with the aim of increasing the tonnage of recyclable materials and to raise awareness of kerbside recycling. She also highlighted the work that will be undertaken in each district including door-to-door canvassing.
 - (c) **Best Value Review of Regulatory Services** – The final report of the Review was presented to the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on 26th October, 2005. We will be monitoring progress of the Improvement Action Plan.
 - (d) **Fairtrade** – Following this Scrutiny Committee’s recommendation to Cabinet that the principles of Fairtrade be adopted by the Council, I am very pleased to report that Cabinet at it’s meeting on 19th October, 2004 supported our recommendation to develop Darlington as a fairtrade town and agreed to the five goals to be met to achieve this status.
 - (e) **Forward Plan** –We received a presentation on the Forward Plan and informed of the launch of the Forward Plan on the Council’s Intranet System and the Internet.
 - (f) **Public Protection Service Plan** – As part of our continuing programme of monitoring, we gave consideration to the implementation of the 2004/05 Public

Protection Service Plan.

- (g) **Trading Standards Service Delivery Plan 2004/05** – We gave consideration to the 2004/05 Trading Standards Service Delivery Plan.
- (h) **Local Neighbourhood Renewal Draft Strategy Action Plan** – We examined the draft Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy key actions within the remit of our Scrutiny Committee.

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