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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 2006/07 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. Members of this Scrutiny Committee discussed a number of issues regarding Cemeteries and Crematoria, including pollution, the increasing lack of burial space, and health and safety issues in relation to headstones, and will receive a report on these issues at the meeting of this Committee on the 23rd January 2007.

Members of this Committee have also resolved to continually monitor the progress of Community Partnerships against the targets identified within its Service Plan.

- (b) **Street Scene** - We received an overview of Street Scene since its introduction in July, 2006 which highlighted the design objectives of street scene which was primarily to develop an innovative, responsive and joined up approach to Street Scene Services by ultimately improving the quality of life in Darlington for residents, and empowering local communities to also take responsibility for the quality of their environment. Although some ‘teething problems’ had been experienced we were encouraged by the presentation and the commitment shown by employees too make Street Scene work.
- (c) **Review /Task and Finish Groups – Food Safety Review** – We continue to receive updates on the progress of this Review which is still ongoing.

**CCTV in Bus Shelters Task and Finish** – The Group will continue to monitor the situation and make their final report to the meeting scheduled for 23rd January, 2007.

**Uniformed Warden Service Task and Finish** – The Task and Finish Review Group has continued to examine the key issues of the Street Wardens Programme (SWP), and the final report of this review group will be submitted to the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on the 23rd January 2007.

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