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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 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) **Review Groups** – The Monitoring and Coordination Group have now approved this Scrutiny Committees proposals for Review and Task and Finish Review Groups and I am pleased to report the ongoing investigations on the following. The Review on ‘Dogs’ is well underway with meetings held on 31st January, 21st February, 2005 and a more recent meeting on 8th March, 2005 which included a visit to the kennels at the Police Station. Future meetings are planned to include a site visit to Deerness Kennels at Langley Moor where the Council’s stray dogs are housed and to other authorities who contract out their Dog Warden Service. The Task and Finish Review Group established to examine the Waste Management Helpline Number have held two meetings and the final report of the Group will be presented to the Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 26th April, 2005. Also, the final report of the Task and Finish Review Group examining the official checks on Council Properties will be presented to this Scrutiny Committee. With regard to the Joint Review Group being undertaken with the Environment Scrutiny to look at Gulley Cleaning, I can report that Councillors Long, Ruck and J. Vasey from Environment Scrutiny and Councillors D. Jones, Maddison and Mrs. Swift from this Scrutiny Committee have been nominated onto this Joint Review.
  - (c) **Zonal Cleansing** – We received a report on the progress of implementing the ‘zonal cleansing’ pilot operating in Eastbourne, Lascelles, Bank Top, Lingfield and Middleton St. George Ward since November, 2004 and are very pleased with the success of the pilot ‘zonal cleansing’ and the efforts that have been put in to achieve those improvements which we hope can be maintained.
  - (d) **Christmas Recycling Collection Arrangements** – Following concerns on the performance of the recycling collection service over the Christmas period, we requested a report to this Scrutiny to discuss, with a view to minimising the disruption to

residents over future bank holidays. Our main concerns were that this year's Christmas arrangements were made on comparisons to last year and also that 510 complaints had been received this year. Recycling centres had been over-flowing during the Christmas period also and Members wanted to establish what provision will be made for next year. Following discussions it was agreed that the Members of the Kerbside Recycling Task and Finish Review Group meet with officers to further discussions to take place.

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