
**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. Following discussion we have agreed to undertake a Review on ‘Dogs’ and Task and Finish Review Groups to examine ‘Gulley Cleaning’ and ‘Official Checks on Council Properties’ and will also be starting our Task and Finish Review on the ‘Waste Management Helpline Number’. These proposed review groups will be considered by Overview and Monitoring Group at their next meeting.
 - (b) **Early Interventions Update In Relation to Four Tiered Service** – We received an update on further developments to the Early Intervention function of the Community Safety Partnership and considered the annual performance for the year 2003/05, and are very pleased to learn that funding has been secured to continue the service for 2005.
 - (c) **Uniformed Warden Service** – We received an update on the current management arrangements for the Uniformed Warden Service following the transfer of the Uniformed Warden Service to the Director of Community Services. Following discussion around the working arrangements with the partners i.e. the Police, and the general arrangements for the sharing of information, it was proposed to undertake a Task and Finish Review Group to look at the Service at a future date.
 - (d) **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Follow-up and Action** – Steve Rose, the Chief Executive of the Darlington Partnership attended the meeting at the request of the Committee, to present a report to update Members on the ways in which anti-social behaviour is being tackled in the town and to report on the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan and implementation of which this Committee gave its full endorsement.
 - (e) **Fairtrade** – Following a referral to us from the Darlington Environmental Forum to give consideration to the development of Darlington as a Fairtrade Town, and our subsequent recommendation to Cabinet in support of this, I am very pleased to inform you that Cabinet have now approved our recommendation to promote Fairtrade within Darlington.

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Chair of Public Protection and Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

