
OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of Council, we have had a call-in of Cabinet's decision in relation to the Darlington Town Centre Pedestrian Heart. The call-in was made in accordance with this Council's Constitution and further information in relation to the funding implications of the proposals was sought. Detailed financial information was presented at the meeting and following consideration of this, the Scrutiny Committee agreed to note the information supplied.
2. We have had a special meeting on 14th December, 2004, to discuss school contracts. At that meeting we interviewed the Director of Community Services to seek information on how he procures and manages contracts with local schools. A number of questions were asked of the Director in relation to the contracts and, at the end of the meeting, Members were wholly satisfied with the responses given and thanked and congratulated the Director for the work being undertaken.
3. I also attended a Parliamentary Seminar on 8th December, 2004, in London entitled 'Supporting Scrutiny'. As part of the session, I attended a Select Committee hearing on that day and learnt how the House of Commons Select Committees operate and how we could continue to develop our own role.

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