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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. We have also made additions to the Work Programme for the meetings in August and October in relation to Anti Social Behaviour, the Civil Contingencies Act, the Warden Service and the Fire Service.
  - (b) **Review /Task and Finish Groups – Food Safety Review Group** - Following on from the initial work of the Task and Finish Review Group to investigate food safety in relation to food standards and food hygiene, a Review Group consisting of the same Members will now progress this Review and after discussing terms of reference and who the Group would like to interview during this Review, have agreed for their next meeting to meet with Nonnie Crawford, Director of Public Health, the Public Analyst and a representative from the North East Microbiological Service. Following the meeting, Members will undertake a visit to the Call Centre.

**Dogs Review Group** - Following our recommendations made at the Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 6th December, 2006, we received a report to give us the progress made on the five recommendations and were very pleased to report that all our recommendations are being acted upon and are resulting in enhanced service provision and delivery.

**Gully Cleaning – Joint Task and Finish Review Group** – Following our Joint recommendations with the Environment Scrutiny, made at our Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 16th August, 2006, we received a report to give us a progress report on the ten recommendations and are pleased to report that the majority of the recommendations have been taken on board as part of the Street Scene Review and the remaining points are being addressed also. The changes to working practices as part of Street Scene will be rolled out throughout the Borough from July.

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Chair of Public Protection and  
Community Partnerships Scrutiny Committee**