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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. Suggestions were made for possible Task and Finish Reviews including a review on the Warden Service once the new arrangements are fully up and running and additions were made to the Work Programme.
  - (b) **Task and Finish Review** – Kerbside Recycling Scheme – Following the successful door knocking exercise on 5th May, 2004 in areas of low participation, the Group are in the process of arranging for two more streets to be surveyed before they complete their findings.
  - (c) **Best Value Review of Regulatory Services** – Work is continuing on the Review and the Stage 2 report will be presented to a Special meeting of this Committee on 14th July, 2004. The final report of the Review will be presented at the August meeting of this Scrutiny. I can also advise that the Members on the Out of Hours Working Group are preparing their final report and their recommendations will feed in to the overall final report of the Review.
  - (d) **Service Plan Monitoring** – We received a presentation on Service Plan Monitoring and a demonstration on how the software package Performance Plus will assist this Scrutiny in looking at and monitoring the authority’s performance.
  - (e) **Public Protection Service Plan 2004/05** – We considered and endorsed the 2004/05 Public Protection Service Plan and the 33 priorities contained within the Improvement Action Plan and will continue to monitor performance within this Service Plan.
  - (f) **Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy** – We received an update on the progress with the Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and will consider the Action Plan being developed in response to issues raised at our next meeting.
  - (g) **Scrutiny Input into the Development of a Social Inclusion Strategy** – We considered a working draft of the Social Inclusion Strategy and gave our input into the development of the Strategy.

- (h) **Public Protection Strategy Review Group Progress Report on the Improvement Action Plan** – With regard to the Improvement Action Plan developed as part of the final report of the Public Protection Strategy Review Group, I am pleased to report that out of the 10 action points, 7 action points have been completed and the remaining 3 action points are in the process of completion.
  
- (i) **Best Value Review Asset Management (Markets) Progress Report** – With regard to the Improvement Action Plan for the Markets, which was an outcome of the Best Value Review of Asset Management, I am also pleased to report that the action plan is progressing within timescale.

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