

OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

11th August 2003

**PRESENT:-**

**Labour Group**

Councillor Bell (Chair) and Councillors Harrington and Murphy.

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Hood (Vice-Chair).

**APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Bale (Conservative Group).

OV/6. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd June 2003 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

OV/7. **REPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Councillor Harrington outlined those issues considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee at its Meeting held on 28th July 2003. Matters discussed included Best Value Progress Reports on Sheltered Housing, Housing Services Strategic Housing and Housing Services Landlord and Tenant Function, the Housing Strategy and HRA Business Plan, Disabled Facilities Grants, progress on the Disability Discrimination Act, the Lift Project, South Derbyshire Community Strategy and the Work Programme. It was noted that a Special Meeting of the Committee was to be held on 29th September 2003, when Members would meet with John Simmonds, Deputy Director of Social Services regarding the County Council's Best Value Review of older peoples' services.

Councillor Murphy reported on the deliberations of the Corporate Scrutiny at its Meeting held on 4th August 2003. The Committee had considered the Human Resource Management Best Value Review, the Asset Management Best Value Review and Asset Management Plan, the Capital Strategy, Risk Management, the Corporate and Service Planning Framework and the Work Programme.

OV/8. **CONSTITUTION ACTION PLAN**

Further to Minute No. OV/3 of 23rd June 2003, Members considered a copy of the Action Plan now incorporating the status of each individual action to enable recommendations to be made to the Council for formal response to District Audit.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Council be recommended to approve and confirm the status of the Action Plan, as attached at Annexe 'A' to these Minutes, for formal response to the District Auditor.***

OV/9. **PROMOTING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

Further to Minute No. OV/4 of 23rd June 2003, a leaflet was circulated to Members of the Committee which outlined the operation and workings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. This had been circulated at recent Area Meetings and it would also be forwarded to parish councils and staff. It was suggested that members of the Local Strategic Partnership could also be included on the distribution and the contents incorporated on the Council's website.

The Chair considered that regular Scrutiny reports should be made to Policy Committees on the ongoing work programmes and also suggested that consideration could be given to the production of a periodic Scrutiny Newsletter.

OV/10. **WORK PROGRAMMES**

The Work Programmes for the Community and Corporate Scrutiny Committees were circulated to the Committee, which detailed the matters to be considered relating to Best Value Reviews, the Policy Framework and Special Projects.

R.L. BELL

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 5.35 p.m.