

OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

7th April 2003

**PRESENT:-**

**Labour Group**

Councillor Bell (Chair) Councillor Harrington (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bambrick and Rose.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Bladen and Mrs. Robbins (Conservative Group).

OV/37. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2003 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

OV/38. **ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Committee considered the Annual Reports for this Committee, the Community Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. A suggested cover for the documents was circulated for Members' comments and it was noted that the Council's Constitution required the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to report annually to the Council on their workings.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Annual Reports be recommended to the Council for approval.***

OV/39. **REPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Councillor Harrington outlined those issues considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee at its Meeting held on 24th March 2003. Matters discussed included Best Value Reviews in respect of progress on the Cleansing the Environment Action Plan and Community Safety, the Crime and Disorder Strategy, Abandoned Vehicles, Play Equipment Provision, a BMX/Skateboard Facility and the Annual Report.

Councillor Bell reported on the deliberations of the Corporate Scrutiny at its Meeting held on 31st March 2003. The Committee had considered the Human Resource Management Best Value Review, in respect of which an Officer Meeting was to be arranged in due course, the Monitoring of Council Plans and Strategies, in respect of which Chairs of Policy Committees had been invited to the Meeting and future reports would be submitted to the Policy Committees, the Financial Services Best Value Review and the Annual Report.

OV/40. **WORK PROGRAMMES**

It was noted that this was the final Meeting of the Committee prior to the District Council Elections on 1st May 2003. Proposals for future Work Programmes had been incorporated in the Annual Report and it was considered that a Special Meeting of the Committee may be appropriate shortly after the Annual Council Meeting to review the matter.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank all Members together with the Officers for their ongoing support.

R.L. BELL

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 4.40 p.m.