

OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd November 2003

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillors Harrington and Murphy.

Conservative Group

Councillor Hood (Vice-Chair in the Chair).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Bell (Chair) (Labour Group) and Councillor Bale (Conservative Group).

OV/16. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd September 2003 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

OV/17. **REPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Councillor Harrington outlined those issues considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee at its Special Meeting held on 29th September 2003 and its ordinary Meeting on 20th October 2003. At the Special Meeting, the Committee had considered a presentation by Mr. J. Simmons, the County Council's Director of Social Services on the Derbyshire County Council's Best Value Review of Older People in the Community. At the Meeting held on 20th October 2003, the Committee had discussed Comprehensive Performance Assessment Thematic Reviews (generally), Thematic Reviews in respect of Balancing Housing Markets, meeting the Decent Homes Standards and Public Space, a Best Value Review of Older People in the Community and the Work Programme.

Councillor Murphy reported on the deliberations of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee at its Special Meetings held on 30th September and 6th October and the Ordinary Meeting held on 27th October 2003. At the Special Meeting held on 30th September 2003, the Committee considered a review of scoring for Service Development Proposals and Capital Projects and it was noted that this item would now be considered at the Council Meeting on 6th November 2003. At the Special Meeting held on 6th October 2003, the Committee had considered Comprehensive Performance Assessment reality checks in respect of Benefit Fraud and again discussed the review of scoring for Service Development Proposals and Capital Projects. At the Meeting held on 27th October 2003, Members had considered the Corporate Plan, the Assessment Management Plan and Best Value Improvement Plan, the Capital Strategy 2003/04, budget issues, Customer Care (in respect of which a Special Meeting was to be held on 17th November 2003) and the Work Programme.

OV/18. **DEVELOPING SCRUTINY**

It was agreed that a gathering of all Scrutiny Members would be beneficial as soon as possible to discuss various issues arising from the scrutiny process. In this regard, it was suggested that this could be held at the Sharpe's Pottery and Visitor Centre on Monday, 1st December 2003 from 10.00 a.m. till 2.00 p.m. and the following matters would be included for discussion, together with any other items identified by Members:-

- (1) Review/Evaluation of progress
- (2) Feedback on 'Spotlight on Scrutiny' Seminar
- (3) Constitution Action Plan
- (4) Communication
- (5) Budget issues
- (6) Work Programme for remainder of year
- (7) Training and development needs

OV/19. **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, special projects and responsive issues.

F. R. HOOD

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 5.05 p.m.