

OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

22nd September 2003

**PRESENT:-**

**Labour Group**

Councillors Harrington and Murphy.

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Hood (Vice-Chair in the Chair) and Councillor Bale.

**APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Bell (Chair) (Labour Group).

OV/11. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th August 2003 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

OV/12. **REPORT OF MEMBER**

Councillor Hood referred to a forthcoming 'Spotlight on Scrutiny' event organised by Derby City Council on 16th October 2003 at the Derby Assembly Rooms. Details had been circulated to all Scrutiny Members and Councillor Murphy advised that he intended to attend the session.

OV/13. **REPORTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Councillor Harrington outlined those issues considered by the Community Scrutiny Committee at its Meeting held on 8th September 2003 at the Woodville Youth Centre. This provided an opportunity for young people to attend the Meeting to take part in the discussion about the new skateboarding facility at Swadlincote. Other matters discussed included the Community Safety Best Value Review, the Crime and Disorder Strategy, the Cultural Strategy, the South Derbyshire Community Strategy, Abandoned Vehicles, Cleansing the Environment Best Value Review Action Plan, a Litter Plan, a Car Parking Study and the Work Programme. A letter would be forwarded to those young people who had attended the Meeting expressing the Committee's gratitude for their contribution.

Councillor Murphy reported on the deliberations of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee at its Meeting held on 15th September 2003. The Committee had considered progress reports on the Financial Services Best Value Review, the IEG Statement and the Procurement Strategy, and also discussed the planned review of Scoring for Service Development Proposals and Capital Projects, the response to Scrutiny reports by Policy Committees and the Work Programme. Special Meetings of the Committee were to be held on

30th September and 6th October 2003 relating to the Scoring for Service Developments and Capital Projects.

OV/14. **CONSTITUTION ACTION PLAN**

Members received a copy of the updated Constitution Action Plan which had been approved by the Council at its Meeting held on 14th August 2003.

A Meeting of the Working Panel established to discuss the Work Programme and Delegation Scheme relating to the Environmental and Development Services Committee had been held on 18th September 2003, which had been very positive. An analysis of the Committee's workload since the introduction of the modernising arrangements was considered and the main issues arising were outlined, including the intention to develop a Work Programme for the Committee. Procurement issues were also to be considered in more detail and a further meeting was to be arranged with those Divisional Managers who reported to the Committee.

It was suggested that a further session should be arranged for all Scrutiny Members to review the overall Scrutiny process and working arrangements together with development needs and methods to progress the Scrutiny function, particularly in connection with the forthcoming Comprehensive Performance Assessment. It was intended to arrange this session early in November.

OV/15. **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.

F. R. HOOD

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 5.00 p.m.