

Constitution and Policy Framework – Homelessness Strategy

The constitution sets out a list of plans and strategy documents which together form the Policy Framework. The constitution also provides that any such plan or strategy shall involve a consultation process. The constitution further provides that Overview and Scrutiny shall be able to comment before the Executive approves the final document and refers it to full Council for final decision.

The practical effect of this is that for each policy framework document the Executive needs to agree a consultation process including reference to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and this needs to be reflected in the Forward Plan.

This process ensures that Overview and Scrutiny considers the matter in the right way and at the right time. It does, however, mean that officers (in consultation with Portfolio Holders) need to plan for these reports to come forward in this way. This has not happened in respect of this particular matter nor for the Housing Strategy.

I therefore propose that there is a special meeting to consider these two matters at ~~2.00pm~~ on 18th June 2003.

10.00am.

I also propose that this resolution be referred to Executive at its meeting next week so that that they are aware of our concerns and can ensure that future policy framework documents are planned to come to Overview and Scrutiny in accordance with the constitutional requirements.