
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2004

OSM.46/04 MINUTES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

(c) Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 3 August, 4 August and 2 September 2004

Members raised concern that, although in the past the Executive had been asked not just to note the comments and concerns of Overview and Scrutiny Committees, it appeared that more and more often the Executive were again just noting matters.

A specific concern was raised in relation to the call-in by the Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Off-street Car Park Extensions (IOS.98/04) in which ten specific observations were made and referred to the Executive. The Executive did not deal with the individual observations raised by the Committee and Members felt that adequate consideration was not given to the points raised.

Members suggested that when specific points are made by Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Executive should look at each point and assign an action to it, even if the action is that they consider that it is not appropriate to develop the matter at this stage.

Members were concerned that the Executive were still taking a high handed attitude to Overview and Scrutiny and that, when a Committee takes time to scrutinise a matter and makes a number of individual observations or comments, the Executive needs to address these points clearly and the Executive minutes should reflect their comments on each of the observations made by the Committee.

RESOLVED – (1) That the minutes of 3 August, 4 August and 2 September 2004 be noted.

- (2) That the minutes of this meeting in relation to the concerns about the Executive's response to Overview and Scrutiny Committees be referred to the Executive and that the Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive discuss the matter with the Leader of the Council.
- (3) That the Overview and Scrutiny Manager monitor this issue of Executive responses and if necessary raise it at the annual workshop with the Members of the Executive.