
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2003

EX.167/03 HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION (Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment, Infrastructure and Transport

Subject Matter

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environmental Protection Services (EPS.49/03) indicating that the Action Plan within the Homelessness Strategy identified the need to review the type of hostel accommodation and support provided by the City Council. He outlined a number of factors which would impact on this review which, it was anticipated, would start in September 2003 with a target date for completion of November 2003 and an implementation date of 1 April 2004.

He had briefed the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding this forthcoming review of hostel accommodation at their meeting on 17 July 2003. That Committee had expressed some concerns about:

- (a) the lack of provision of a 24 hour service to assess homelessness, and,
- (b) the need for partnership working to be explored as a matter of urgency to ensure that there is provision for vulnerable 16 to 17 year olds who find themselves homeless.

Further consultation would be undertaken with the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the review progressed.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

1. That the report be noted and forwarded to the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the consultation process.
2. That the initial views of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee be taken into account as part of this process.

Reasons for Decision

To note the arrangements being made for a review of hostel accommodation.