



Report to: Full Council

Date of Meeting: 5 March 2002

Report of: Chairman of Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Title: Work undertaken this cycle

Decisions called in: Executive decision EX 28/02
Leisuretime Externalisation

Portfolio Holders interviewed: Cllr Bloxham (12 Feb 2002)

Thurs 10 Jan 2002 & 21 Feb 2002

Our review of the use of Smart Cards is beginning to take shape, from setting out our terms of reference, and at the last meeting, having Newcastle City Council's head of IT, explaining their NE smartcard project.

O&S committee can't do everything well, some agendas swell quite considerably, with three hour meetings taking place in all three O&S.

Special Meeting 12 Feb 2002

Executive decision Ex 28/02 was called in, Cllr Bloxham attended the meeting to defend his decisions.

Members of the group had concerns about the weightings of some individual matrices to be used to select the Council's preferred partner for Leisuretime externalisation.

Through discussion the O&S committee suggested, by consensus, changes on two indices, those two changes have now occurred.

If the job of an O&S committee is to influence the decisions and policy of the Executive, on this occasion we have fulfilled our job.

One of our biggest challenges, is to manage our workload, pick areas of concern and zoom in and give detailed concentration to a specific issue.

Cllr Gareth Ellis
Chairman of Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee