

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Report of  
Chairman

**COUNCILLOR MR J D JEFFERSON**

3 July 2003

There was a light Agenda for this meeting but a letter from the ODPM confirmed that the date of the next local elections would be 10 June 2003. Additional meetings may take place at the end of the civic year if, or as, required.

Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees were submitted and noted and a reference from the Executive was considered.

The importance of identifying priorities was recognised and the matter was referred on to the political groups and individual Members to air their views. These would be collated by Officers and put to the Executive for consideration.

The work programme was discussed and agreed. Monitoring of the Forward Plan and any changes were noted.

14 August 2003

The Chairman reported a call-in by the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the Executive decision on Regional Government. An agreement was reached as to the way forward which resulted in the resolved item as shown in the Minutes.

Minutes from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees were noted but legal advice was sought for questions on cross cutting items which would need amendments to the Constitution. The resolved item at (2) sums up the feelings of the Committee.

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny highlighted concerns as to the reporting of items in the Forward Plan and offered suggestions that could help to clarify some areas of work. Members will be 'watching this space'.

The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme was put to the Members and the slippage was noted.

Advice on the availability of the CRED report for the Workshop was received.

The Council's Performance Management Framework was supported but the Minutes show that the Committee needs to know much more and training is imperative.

The Best Value Review of Bereavement Services was approved.