

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)**FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2002 AT 3.15 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Knapton (Chairman), Councillors Morton, Pattinson, Atkinson and Boaden.

COS.83/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Fisher and Mrs Parsons.

**COS.84/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING
DECLARATIONS OF THE PARTY WHIP)**

There were no declarations of interest to be made.

COS.85/02 CORPORATE PLAN

The Head of Policy and Strategy outlined briefly the purpose and content of the draft Corporate Plan which had been circulated to the Committee for comment. He explained that the Plan reflects the City Vision aspirations and objectives.

The Committee then proceeded to go through the Corporate Plan on a page by page basis and commented as follows:

(i) Page 17 – Community's Objectives

A query was raised as to where the reference to 72% customer satisfaction came from in the year 2/3 target. The Head of Policy and Strategy explained that his recollection that this was geared to an earlier Citizens Panel consultation result. Members said that it was important that the starting point against which any improvements on performance under the plan were to be measured, should be clearly stated in the body of the Plan itself.

(ii) Page 22 – Tenants Participation Compact

A query was raised relating to the role of the Council and Riverside post LSVT (assuming that the transfer proceeded) under the Tenants Participation Compact. The Head of Policy and Strategy explained his understanding of what the position would be if the transfer proceeded.

(iii) Page 23 – Anti Social Behaviour Conferences

A query was raised on what precisely were the conferences referred to in respect of anti-social behaviour, and it was explained by Officers that the conferences were a preliminary step in the procedure of applying for Anti-Social Behaviour Orders.

(iv) Pages 25 and 32 – Tackling Poverty and Deprivation and Health

and Wellbeing

Reference was made to the fact that there were references to the provision of playgrounds in more than one place in the Plan and the reason for the apparent duplication was queried. The Head of Policy and Strategy explained that the references occurred in more than one place because the playgrounds were provided for different purposes in terms of fulfilling plan objectives.

(v) Page 26 – Supporting Parish Development Plans

A query was raised as to why reference was made to supporting only one Parish Development Plan and it was explained by Officers that this was essentially because of resource problems in supporting more.

(vi) Page 32 – Health and Wellbeing

The point was made by Members that the increased role of Local Authorities in monitoring Health Trusts should be reflected in the Corporate Plan at some stage.

(vii) Page 35 – Strategic Approach to Housing

It was noted by the Committee that a paper on this particular aspect of the Committee's work was expected later this year.

(viii) Page 63 – Best Value

Members requested a paper to be provided on how the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) regime would fit in with the Best Value process. Officers confirmed that this paper would be prepared and explained that a new five year programme for Best Value Reviews was in the course of preparation.

(ix) Page 90 onwards – Appendix B – Performance Targets and Tables

Members queried the proposed frequency of future reports on Performance Indicators and the format in which these will be presented, and stressed that there was a need for setting the context to the targets and figures in some cases in order that they could be properly understood in terms of the City Council's own performance.

(The meeting ended at 4.10 pm)