

# **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMUNITY PANEL**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

**JULY 2012**

The Panel's first meeting of the Civic year was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The Overview Report and Work Programme was the first item of business to be discussed.

With regard to the current Forward Plan's two Key Decisions that come within the Panel's areas of scrutiny, it was agreed that the Food Law Enforcement Plan should be received for information only and that any member who had a question regarding it, should contact the Environmental Health Manager.

That the minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Panel's meeting be approved. However, discussion did arise concerning members views on the continuance of membership of the Joint Scrutiny Panel and the majority view was that the Council should consider withdrawing from the Panel. As a result, this will be an item on the agenda of the next meeting of the Panel in July when it will be further discussed.

The Homelessness Task and Finish Group's report with its seven recommendations had been welcomed and agreed by the Executive in April and the Panel decided that the progress made on its recommendations should be scrutinized in the autumn.

Scrutiny of the End of Year Performance Report was deferred to the next meeting of the Panel when the Director of Community Engagement will be available to address the Panel's questions.

The last item for discussion was the report on the work programme drawn up following the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Neighbourhood Working. General satisfaction was expressed on the steps taken so far and it was agreed that the Lead member on this subject will have continuing contact with the Well Being Manager in order that developments in line with the Task and Finish Group's recommendations can be monitored.

The June meeting had, unusually for the Panel, a relatively short agenda. However, it was followed by the Work Programme session. in which a large number of topics were identified which will provide important items for both the Panel's and possible Task and Finish Groups' work.

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Chairman.