

The report of the
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman

Cllr BARRY OGILVIE EARP

The third meeting of the O & S Management Committee, held on the 1st February 2007, concentrated mainly on the implication of the Police and Justice Act 2006, which required the need for O & S Committees to scrutinise Crime and Disorder functions. As the regulations and guidance had not yet been issued, it was unclear as to whether this could be covered by the Community O & S Committee, or, by a free-standing Crime and Disorder Committee. A decision will need to be made at the next meeting as these matters have been issued by Her Majesty's Government.

Progress of the Overview and Scrutiny Improvement Plan 2005/7 was discussed, and although many of the recommendations have been actioned, work still needs to be completed by Officers in producing short and concise covering reports, and by O & S Committees, where appropriate, holding the Executive to account.

The meeting then reconvened for an informal meeting with the Executive.

Points covered included: -

- a) Consultation with the Executive re. Special meeting dates for O & S Meetings
- b) Update of Task and Finish Group meetings regarding Executive/Overview and Scrutiny Protocol
- c) Set up of a database for references between Executive and O & S
- d) Review Implementation of Agreed Recommendations including Subject Review Final Reports
- e) Review Operation of the Forward Plan
- f) Sharing/Planning for forthcoming Scrutiny issues
- g) Holding the Executive to account.

On the 6th February 2007, the second Task and Finish meeting regarding Executive/Overview and Scrutiny Protocol took place, when the final five issues were discussed. The conclusions will now be drawn up by the O & S Manager and a final meeting will take place to approve the recommendations, prior to them being reported to the O & S Management

Committee, Executive and finally to Council. This protocol will need to be added to the Constitution of the Council.

Cllr Barry Ogilvie Earp
13th February 2007.