

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY**

Report of
Chairman:

**COUNCILLOR
RAY KNAPTON**

Report of Chairman, Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Council Meeting 4 March 2003.

Two meetings of the Committee have been held since the last report to Council.

9th. January 2003. A review of Food Safety Performance which was showing low P.Is. was carried out and a range of options for improvement discussed with the Head of Environmental Protection Services which were forwarded to the Executive and a positive response received.

The Community Safety Best Value Review was scrutinized and was considered to fully cover the issues that members considered vital at the previous workshop. There was some degree of overlap as this review has run alongside the monitoring of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP. Which is a major part of the Council's Commitment to Crime and Disorder Reduction and the major internal requirement will require complying with section 17 of the Act and towards this a training program for Officers is being formulated.

13th. February 2003. This was a short meeting as many of the reports to the Committee were not currently available.

A report from the Audit Manager on Review of Performance Indicators was discussed and whilst many of the statistics were out of date it was considered that the report was a sound foundation on which to build reviews of how the Council's outcomes were improving and a more up to date report would be available for the next scheduled meeting.

The start up of the Cumbria Health and Well Being Committee was reported and means of ensuring two way information exchange to the Committee discussed.

It was pointed out that all members of the Committee were very keen to progress there were considerable fears for the effectiveness since the Government had given the duty but had not followed up with any award of finance.

The review of Polling Arrangements for the May 2003 Elections was approved and it was pleasing to note that two more schools have been replaced as polling places. Members did stress the importance of achieving optimum disabled access to all polling places.

Councillor Ray Knapton
CHAIRMAN
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