

# minutes



Meeting      **COMMUNITY SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE**

Date            Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2005 (commencing at 10.30 am)

## **membership**

Persons absent are marked with `A`

## **COUNCILLORS**

Y Davidson (Chair)  
Richard Butler (Vice-Chair)

A	Reg Adair	A	John Hemsall
	Peter Barnes		Edward Llewellyn-Jones
	Jen Cole		Jim O'Riordan
A	Alan Davison		Mark Spencer
	Albert Haynes		Brian Wombwell

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor M M Brandon-Bravo

## **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Select Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Reg Adair  
"        Alan Davison  
"        John Hemsall

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

## **POSSIBLE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2005/2006**

Steve Morley, Assistant Director, Policy, Performance and Development introduced the report which gave some of the background of the area for which it is responsible and provided members the opportunity to identify areas for scrutiny over the coming year. In doing so, Mr Morley gave a presentation to assist them in their deliberations. The Select Committee was given details of the three portfolios within its remit: -

- Community Safety and Partnerships, including Crime and Disorder, Trading Standards and Local Strategic Partnerships.
- Culture, including Libraries Country Parks and Youth and Community Service.
- Regeneration including regeneration programmes and initiatives, marketing and promotion of business and Adult and Community Learning.

During his presentation Mr Morley explained that the department was organised into six divisions to carry out its duties and responsibilities. The Select Committee was given information on the department's performance for 2004/2005 and the previous year. In terms of the departmental priorities for 2004/2005, Mr Morley pointed out that for most areas targets had been achieved, were improving or were on target. Performance challenges included the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA) 2005, meeting Local Public Services Agreement (LPSA) targets and the Corporate Improvement Plan. Mr Morley also informed Members of the continuing and possible new areas of work for the Select Committee.

The Select Committee noted the area of scrutiny was of considerable size given that it covered 3 portfolios and felt that it might be more appropriate to look at an area of work from each one. Members felt that the Select Committee should try to avoid looking into areas of work that it would not have a great deal of influence over and that it would be useful to filter regular reports from its cabinet portfolio holders. It was felt it would be useful for the Select Committee to receive reports from its portfolio holders at the earliest opportunity.

The Select Committee questioned the effectiveness of specific community safety initiatives and asked for further information on the responsibilities of community wardens. Councillor Jim O'Riordan expressed a wish to look into the role of Youth Workers. Councillor Cole noted the work undertaken on young people and wondered what was done in respect of older people. Councillor Llewellyn-Jones, Chair of the Corporate Strategy and External Affairs Select Committee informed members of that committee's role and suggested ways in which they could work together.

1. It was agreed to invite Councillor Joyce Bosnjak, portfolio holder for Community Safety to the next meeting of the Select Committee to

report on the performance of services within her portfolio and issues that she will be addressing over the forthcoming few months.

2. It was agreed that a proposed programme of work for the Select Committee be presented at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.15am

**CHAIR**

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