
Scrutiny Management Committee

26 February 2007

Report of the Head of Civic Democratic & Legal Services

Update on Implementation of Recommendations of Previous Scrutiny Reviews

Summary

1. This report provides Members with update information on the implementation of recommendations made as a result of the reviews completed since 2004.

Background

2. At a previous meeting of Scrutiny Management Committee, Members requested an update on the implementation of the recommendations made as a result of all completed scrutiny reviews since 2004 which were subsequently approved by the Executive.

Consultation

3. Relevant officers within Directorates were asked to submit their updates no later than Friday 26 January, to allow consideration of these at the meeting of SMC on 29 January 2007. In some cases this was not possible and so SMC agreed to defer consideration of the updates until their next meeting.

Options

4. Members can agree the scrutiny comments shown in Annex B and:
 - a. Sign off those recommendations where implementation has been completed, and;
 - b. Request further updates to clarify any outstanding recommendations

Analysis

5. The annual scrutiny reports for 2004/05 and 2005/06 contained information on all the reviews completed within that timeframe – see Annex A. The approved recommendations arising from those reviews and any reviews completed since, are contained within Annexes B & C .

6. The following reviews were listed in the annual scrutiny report for 2004/05. It is not clear if these reviews ever took place as no evidence / information can be found. Any recommendations arising are therefore unknown:
 - Environmental Management Systems
 - Property Management
7. A review of 'Housing Allocations Systems' was completed in May 2005. The Executive Member for Housing approved the recommendations but on 7 June 2005 the Executive deferred consideration of the final report. There is no record of report being considered at a later date.
8. A review of 'Housing Repair Contracts' was completed in September 2004. Scrutiny Management Committee considered the final report on 25 October 2004 and a number of recommendations were agreed for future action. The final report and approved recommendations were fed into a report considered by the Executive In November 2004, which sought approval for the establishment of a Housing Repairs Partnering Agreement between Community Services and Commercial Services for the responsive and voids repair service to the City of York Council's housing stock and associated properties. Full implementation of the approved recommendations occurred through the resulting Service level Agreement.
9. An update on the review of 'Resources to Deal with Crime Levels in York' was considered in April 2005 by the Economic Development & Community Safety Scrutiny Board. The Chief Constable declined an invitation to discuss this review with Members of the Board but highlighted that resources were being put into a number of new initiatives which York would benefit from. At that time, the Board agreed to bring this topic to conclusion.
10. A review of 'Post-16 Inclusion in Education' was completed in February 2005. The Education & Children's Services EMAP considered and approved the final report and recommendations on 15 March 2005. They requested the implementation of an action plan to keep them updated on the outcome of the recommendations and continue to receive reports on any issues concerning post-16 access and inclusion.

Corporate Objectives

11. This process of monitoring the implementation of approved recommendations will contribute to improving our organisational effectiveness.

Implications

12. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or Other implications connected to this report".

Risk Management

13. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

14. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree which recommendations arising from previously completed scrutiny reviews can be signed off.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which have still to be implemented.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A - Summary of all reviews completed since June 2004

Annex B - List of recommendations approved by the Executive since September 2004

Annex C – Floods Scrutiny recommendations and updates