

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

Update Report Re: Outstanding Scrutiny Reviews for Completion

Summary

1. At their meeting 30th May 2006 Members of the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) received a report seeking views regarding, registered not activated and ongoing scrutiny reviews from the period prior to implementation of the New Constitution.
2. Members were advised that the following Scrutiny Boards were still requiring time to complete reviews started in 2005 and 2006:-
 - a. Environment & Sustainability Scrutiny Board –“Sustainable Street Lighting”
 - b. Housing Scrutiny Board –“Reducing Carbon Emissions from Public and Private Sector York’s Housing”
 - c. Commercial Services Scrutiny Board – “Community Recycling and Re-Use in York”
 - d. Planning & Transport Scrutiny Board – “Guidance for Sustainable Development”
3. It was resolved at that meeting that no further scrutiny reviews be commenced or new Ad-hoc Scrutiny Committees appointed to allow capacity for the completion of the outstanding reviews. The following timescale for completion of each review and its commencement to SMC, was also agreed:
 - a. Sustainable Street Lighting – to SMC on 26 June 2006
 - b. Reducing Carbon Emissions from York’s Housing – to SMC on 26 June 2006
 - c. Community Recycling & Re-Use in York – to SMC in July 2006
 - d. Guidance for Sustainable Development - to SMC in July 2006.
4. This report provides the Members of SMC with the progress to date regarding their decisions in respect of each outstanding review.

Background

5. **Environment & Sustainability Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee – “Sustainable Street Lighting”**: Delivering research and findings regarding approaches the Local Authority might take to deliver more sustainable street lighting, progressed through SMC at their meeting 26th June 2006.
6. Members of the Executive will be presented with the final report of the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Board and Sustainable Street Lighting Scrutiny Sub-Committee at their meeting 25th July 2006. Thereafter SMC will be advised of the implementation of recommendations in respect of this review for monitoring purposes.
4. **Housing Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee –“Reducing Carbon Emissions from Public and Private Sector York’s Housing”**: Consideration was given to the draft final report of the former Housing Scrutiny Board presenting their research and findings regarding approaches Local Authorities might take in reducing carbon emissions in York’s public and private sector housing.
5. The Sub-Committee were recommended to agree the report and subject to amendments, its submission to Scrutiny Management Committee, in line with their decision to complete outstanding scrutiny topics as a matter of urgency.
6. Members felt that this topic required further consideration by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee to enable full final consideration and input from both members and Officer consultees on the implications of recommendations.
7. Members considered a list of proposed amendments to the report, circulated by email. A copy of the draft final report and agreed amendments to it can be accessed via ‘Council Meetings’ on the Council’s web site. A full copy of the draft final report will be published for consideration at the September meeting of Scrutiny Management Committee, once the Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee has had an opportunity to complete its review in August.
8. **Planning & Transport Scrutiny Board – “Guidance for Sustainable Development”**: Members of the Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee convened to complete this review will consider a draft report for amendment, agreement and clearance to SMC on the 17th July 2006. An electronic copy can be accessed via ‘Council Meetings’ on the Council’s web site. However, a copy of the report published with the agenda for that meeting is attached at Annex A for Members of the Committee. An updated version will be provided after the meeting on the 17th.

9. **Commercial Services Scrutiny Board – “Community Recycling and Re-Use in York”**: At the time of SMC’s decision this Board’s review was least nearing completion, the boards last site visit was only conducted in May. Much work will be required between the Scrutiny Officer, Chair and Committee Members to pull this review together. For that reason, it was agreed by the Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services in conjunction with the Chair of SMC, that completion of the review be held back until August for subsequent report back to SMC in September.

Consultation

10. Consultation has been ongoing with relevant Members and officers on progress with regard to completion of these outstanding reviews.

Options

11. **Either:** To approve the all recommendations in the report.
12. **Or:** To approve some or none of the recommendations within the report,

Corporate Objectives

- 13 The report fits with the aims of the following Corporate Objectives

Improving our organisational effectiveness

- Improve our focus on the needs of customers and residents in designing and providing services
- Improve leadership at all levels to provide clear, consistent direction to the organisation
- Improve the way the Council and its partners work together to deliver better services for the people who live in York

Implications

14. There are no known implications in relation to any of the following at this stage of any of the reviews referred to in this report with the exception of those listed in the draft final report on ‘Guidance for Sustainable Development’. See relevant section in attached report.

- **Finance** None
- **Human Resources (HR)**
- **Equalities** None
- **Legal** None

- **Crime and Disorder** None
- **Information Technology (IT)** None
- **Property** None
- **Other** None

Risk Management

15. There are no known risk management implications associated with this report, other than any identified as part of the draft final report attached on 'Guidance on Sustainable Development'.

Recommendations

16. Members of SMC are asked to;
 - a. Note the completion of the work of the former Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Board and set a date for review of the implementation of recommendations to be considered by the Executive on 25 July 2006.
 - b. Agree the request of the Ad-Hoc Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee to extend its work on the Housing topic Reducing Carbon Emissions in York's Housing with a view to completing the review for report back to SMC at its meeting in September;
 - c. Consider the recommendations and findings in the draft final report in relation to 'Guidance on Sustainable Development' (See Annex A)
 - d. Note that completion of the former Commercial Services Board review on community recycling and re-use in York will take place through the Ad-hoc Sub-Committee during August/September.

Reason

17. To facilitate proper completion of the work of the former boards: Planning and Transport, Housing and Commercial Services and provide realistic timescales for consultation on any proposed recommendations.

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None

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all***All**

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Final Report to the Executive 25th July 2006: Street Lighting - Strategic Management /Procurement to Reduce CO2 Emissions and Waste. And as listed in the draft final report at Annex A.

Draft Final Report: 5th July 2006 Reducing Carbon Emissions from York's Public and Private Sector Property And as listed in the draft final report at Annex A.

Draft Final Report: 17th July 2006 Planning Guidance for Sustainable Development And as listed in the draft final report at Annex A.

Annexes

Annex A – draft final report to Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee on Guidance for Sustainable Development – 17 July 2006