
Scrutiny Management Committee

18 May 2009

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

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 previously completed scrutiny reviews on 'Guidance for Sustainable Development' and 'Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement'.

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. All of the recommendations arising from those previously completed reviews have been looked at at least once, and all those fully implemented have been signed off.
3. There are now only three reviews with implementation of recommendations still outstanding. These are:
 - Guidance for Sustainable Development
 - Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement
 - Recycling & Re-use – last reviewed by this Committee in February 2009

Consultation

4. Relevant officers have provided update information on the recommendations arising from the reviews and will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions.

Analysis

5. Guidance for Sustainable Development
An update on the implementation of recommendations arising from this review was last received in September 2008. At that time, a number of

recommendations were signed off, leaving thirteen outstanding. This report presents updated information on those – see Annex A.

6. Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement

An update on the implementation of recommendations arising from this review was last received by this Committee in November 2007 resulting in all but two of the recommendations being signed off. Subsequently a further update was presented to the Planning Enforcement Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee in April 2009 in order to inform their scrutiny review. That update is attached at Annex B.

7. Recycling & Re-use

Following the update received by this Committee in February 2009, there remain two recommendations outstanding.

8. Due to the forthcoming re-structure of the Overview & Scrutiny function in York, the monitoring of the implementation of approved recommendations will no longer be a function of SMC. Therefore, any outstanding recommendations as of 21 May 2009 will pass to the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committees. It is suggested that they be allocated as follows (unless SMC wish to allocate otherwise):

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| Economic & City Development | Guidance for Sustainable Development Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement |
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| Community Safety | Recycling & Re-use |
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Options

7. With regard to Annexes A and B, Members may choose to:
- Sign off those recommendations where implementation has been completed, or
 - Request further updates to clarify any outstanding recommendations

Corporate Strategy

8. The process of monitoring the implementation of approved recommendations will evidence our stated value to 'encourage improvement in everything we do'.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

11. 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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All



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Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – Update on Guidance for Sustainable Development Review

Annex B – Update on Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement Review