

Scrutiny Management Committee

26 November 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 an update on the implementation of recommendations made as a result of the following scrutiny reviews completed since 2004.
 - Take-Aways; Powers of Enforcement – completed October 2005
 - Recycling & Re-use – completed September 2006
 - Reducing Carbon Emissions – completed September 2006

Background

2. At a previous meeting of Scrutiny Management Committee, Members requested an update on the implementation of the recommendations approved by the Executive as a result of all completed scrutiny reviews since 2004.
3. In February 2006 Members considered a report which highlighted those reviews and a decision was taken to write off any where full implementation had occurred. Members then requested that each of the outstanding reviews be looked at in detail.
4. Members received a written update on the implementation of the recommendations made as a result of the review of Takeaways: Powers of Enforcement, at a meeting of Scrutiny Management Committee on 22 October 2007. Having considered the information provided, Members agreed that there were some areas where the information was not as thorough as they would like and they therefore requested provision of a further update to ensure a complete understanding of the current implementation status.

Consultation

5. In regard to the review of Takeaways: Powers of Enforcement, a further update is attached at Annex A, and the Assistant Director of Planning & Sustainable Development will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions Members may have relating to the information provided.
6. Further to the 'Reducing Carbon Emissions' and the 'Recycling & Reuse' reviews, written updates on their implementation status has been provided by

The Head of Housing Services and the Acting Assistant Director of Environment and Fleet respectively – see Annexes B & C.

Options

7. Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed, and can:
 - a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the above reviews or;
 - b. agree to receive no further updates on these reviews

Corporate Priorities

8. The process of monitoring and ensuring the implementation of approved recommendations relating to the completed scrutiny reviews listed above will contribute to the following corporate priorities:

Review

Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement & Reducing Carbon Emissions

Recycling & Re-use

Corporate Priority

Reducing the environmental impact of council activities and encourage, empower and promote others to do the same

Decreasing the tonnage of biodegradable waste and recyclable products going to landfill

Implications

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

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree which of the recommendations can be written off as fully implemented.

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

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Background Papers: None

Annexes: Updates on implementation of agreed recommendations :

Annex A - Takeaways: Powers of Enforcement

Annex B - Reducing Carbon Emissions

Annex C - Recycling & Re-use