

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2007/08 - COMPLETED WORK

Council's transport costs	Considered in Committee Jun 2007 - review not necessary at present
Recycling	Considered in Committee Jun 2007 - review not necessary at present
Topics for Council-wide seminars/ presentations	Agreed by Council July 2007 - Waste Management/Recycling Autumn 2007
Communications Strategy	Recommendation for finance Aug 2007 - not accepted as a priority by Cabinet
Health & Safety at Work Enforcement Review	Review Panel reported to Cabinet Jan 2008 – 0.5 FTE SEHO agreed
Local Bus Services	Considered in Committee Feb/Mar 2008 - review not necessary at present
Land for Future Cemeteries	Committee reported to Cabinet Apr 2008 - recommendations agreed
Ward Councillors Compact	Review Panel reported to Council May 2008 - ongoing review agreed

ONGOING MATTERS

Complaints Procedure progress	- CE to report to Committee any procedural changes effected (from 2005/06)
Monitor Benefit Fraud Inspectorate Action Plan	– DFCS to bring Action Plan to Committee when appropriate (from 2006/07)
Topics for Council-wide seminars/ presentations	Agreed by Council July 2007 - Traveller Sites
Consult Performance Indicators Cabinet Report	Considered in Committee Jun 2007 - any future issues to Committee
Consultants' costs	Considered in Committee Aug 2007 - any future issues to Committee
Community Call for Action	Considered in Committee Aug 2007 - possible future statutory work
Evening training/meetings/ public participation	Considered in Committee Feb 2008 - evening training sessions desirable

CARRY FORWARD TO WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008/09

Clean and Green Team Operations	Considered in Committee Aug 2007 for future review – <i>CMT will support Autumn 08</i>
Parks and Open Spaces Contracts	Considered in Committee Feb 2008 for future review – <i>CMT cannot support at present</i>

SUGGESTIONS FOR WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09

Subject	Suggested by	Information
Ward Councillors Role	Committee and Council	<i>Ongoing review to proceed – agreed at Council May 08</i>
Surveillance camera usage	Councillor Russell	<i>Report being prepared for Cabinet</i>
Scrutinise and evaluate the work of the partnerships, consider whether the financial savings to the Council (in deciding to cease funding development officers) outweigh the loss of local community involvement in the provision of services, and examine how those services are to be provided in the future.	Chairs of Lewes, Newhaven, Peacehaven & Telscombe Town Partnerships and RVRC <i>(email attached)</i>	<i>Partnerships Scrutiny Review recommendations agreed by Cabinet Feb 07; Council is funding development officers until end of 08/09</i>
Recycling – to improve service, make comparisons with other councils	Councillor Bratchie <i>(email attached)</i>	<i>Recycling rejected as subject for review Aug 06 and June 07 – Annual Monitoring Report and Improvement Plan exist; Lead Councillor's review with Council-wide seminars took place 07/08 with agreed recommendations</i>
Delegated Powers – improve councillors' involvement without prejudicing conduct of Council business	Councillor Nicholson <i>(email attached)</i>	<i>Delegation in Constitution - Cabinet councillors - Part 3, officers - Part 8 – if Committee minded to pursue as a review, CMT could support after Ward Councillor review completed</i>

FIXED POINTS

June	Consider Work Programme and Chair of Council's Annual Report
September	Consider Direction of Travel, Annual Report and fix Work Programme (to September Council)
January	Consider budgetary matters (to February Cabinet)
April	Councillors, CMT, Chairs of Area Partnerships consulted re- suggestions for following year's Work Programme

Dear David

You will know that from next year the Council has decided to cease funding development officers for the five Town Partnerships, Seaford, Newhaven, Lewes, Telscombe/Peacehaven and the Rural Voices Rural Choices Partnership.

We, the Chairs wonder whether the Scrutiny Panel might wish to scrutinise and evaluate the past and present work of the partnerships, consider whether the financial savings to the council outweigh the loss of local community involvement in the provision of services, and examine how those services are to be provided in the future.

The scrutiny report of February 2007 made the following recommendations:

1 That the Council works with all the partners identified to address the issues identified in the report;

2 That elected councillors at all levels are recognised as community partners and that councillors' legitimate interest in community leadership is acknowledged;

3 That consideration is given to the eventual devolution of administration of the Area Partnerships to their Towns and Parishes;

4 That the Area Partnership Development Worker posts continue to be funded;

5 That mechanisms are found for all the officers engaging with our grass roots communities to brief one another on what they are doing and to enable them to feed insights and information to senior managers;

6 That mechanisms are found for keeping councillors informed of pressures and developments influencing the Community Strategy; and

7 That there is an ongoing councillors' scrutiny process to keep the mechanisms, delivery and value of the grass roots community partnerships under review.

In particular, we would draw the scrutiny committee's attention to recommendations 4 and 7

I write this on behalf of the Chairs of Peacehaven, Newhaven, Lewes and RVRC.

John Webber

LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SCRUTINY REVIEW 2007/08

Proposed subject: I would like to suggest RECYLING

Why suggested: I want to examine our current level and service of recycling

Desired outcome (eg efficiency or service improvement):

More Volume of Recyling, quicker service and more recycled

Scope and content (eg areas to cover, activities to be undertaken, possible consultees):

Visit other Districts and look at costs and the service and standard achieved

Priority (eg urgent, medium or longer term):

Urgent for longer term

Any additional suggestions: I have seen and heard of more and more people either not recycling or dissatisfied with service and coming out of scheme. We also hear a lot about recycling, I am not convinced we have it right in this area especially as we want to encourage recycling and oppose energy from waste.

Submitted by: Cllr Su Bratchie

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The Scrutiny Committee will consider this suggestion for inclusion in its Work Programme at its earliest opportunity. Examples of previous Reviews are available on request.

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Dear David,

I am responding in relation to the above. I have lost my copy of your form. I hope this will do

Subject delegated Powers

Desired Outcome..More member involvement

Scope and Content...To look at existing delegations to see whether these need to be altered to involve members more without prejudicing the proper conduct of the Council's business

Priority To be in place for Municipal Year 2009/10.

I think that once in the council term (2007-2011) this should be scrutinised. I think this will involve consideration of the Scheme of Delegation to officers. We may have it about right but I think this Council should revisit the subject.

Tony