



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 25th July 2007

Subject: Monitoring of Scrutiny Board recommendations

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Last year Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to adopt a new, more formal system of recommendation tracking, to ensure that scrutiny recommendations were more rigorously followed through.
- 1.2 As a result, each Board will receive a quarterly report, coinciding with the quarterly presentation of performance information, the next report is scheduled for September. This will allow the Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The Board will then be able to take further action as appropriate. This will apply to all previous recommendations made, relevant to the Board, that are considered 'live'.
- 1.3 In the meantime, the Chair has requested an earlier update on an inquiry into Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions that was undertaken by the Scrutiny Board in 2004/5 in order to ascertain which issues required further work. In addition, following on from the discussion at the June Board meeting, an update on the recommendations made following an inquiry into Affordable Housing (2005/06) has also been submitted. Members have received copies of both these final reports as background information.

2.0 Updates

- 2.1 Members are asked to consider the responses provided, and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required, over and above the recommendation tracking process described above.
- 2.2 In deciding whether to undertake any further work, members will need to consider the balance of the board's work programme.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the formal responses provided and to decide whether further scrutiny involvement is required.