



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 19th September 2007

Subject: Recommendation Tracking

Electoral Wards Affected: All

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. 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. Monitoring of recommendations relating to Anti-social Behaviour and Affordable Housing were received at July's meeting and will therefore be submitted in the next round of monitoring.
- 1.3 A standard set of criteria has been produced to enable the Board to assess progress. These are presented in the form of a flow chart at Appendix 1. The questions should help to decide whether a recommendation has been completed, and if not whether further action is required.
- 1.5 In deciding whether to undertake any further work, members will need to consider the balance of the board's work programme.

2.0 Next Steps

- 2.1 In October the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive a composite report which draws together any issues raised by each of the Scrutiny Boards during the recommendation tracking process, and decide any appropriate action.
- 2.2 The next cycle of quarterly recommendation tracking reports will be presented to Scrutiny Boards in November, enabling the Board to judge progress against outstanding recommendations.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to:
 - Agree those recommendations which no longer require monitoring;
 - Identify any recommendations where progress is unsatisfactory and determine the action the Board wishes to take as a result