

Brighton & Hove City Council

For general release

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Organisation Committee
Date: 23rd February 2004
Report of: The Director, Communications and Democratic Services
Subject: Update on Current Scrutiny Reviews
Ward(s) affected: All

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To report the progress made on current scrutiny reviews, and update Members on developments in the scrutiny function including the Education and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3. Completed Scrutiny Reviews

- 3.1 The report of the War Memorial Railings Scrutiny Review was agreed by OSOC on 17th November.

4. Scrutiny Reviews currently in Progress

Hove Centre Lettings Policy Scrutiny Panel

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Panel for Hove Centre Lettings Policy Chaired by Councillor David Watkins is asking for further officer information before arranging a further meeting.

Procurement Scrutiny Panel

- 4.2 The 5-Member Procurement Scrutiny Panel chaired by Councillor Joyce Edmond-Smith has received background information from the procurement team during three meetings on January 7th, 19th and February 5th.
- 4.3 The Members have identified a number of officers in different departments they wish to speak to during three further informal Panel meetings on

February 17th, March 10th and March 24th. Further Panel meetings are likely to be needed.

The Dome Scrutiny Panel

4.4 The Dome Scrutiny Panel chaired by Councillor Kevin Allen has held informal meetings as follows:

26th January to hear information from Councillor Garry Peltzer Dunn and the Strategy and Resources Manager.

9th February to speak to the Arts Council Head of Stabilisation

4.5 On 16th February the Head of Administration and Finance at the Brighton Festival Society has been invited to give information to the Panel.

4.6 Further Panel meetings are likely to be needed.

5. Education Overview and Scrutiny Panel (EOSP)

5.1 There have been no meetings of EOSP since OSOC on 19th January. March 9th is the date of the next EOSP.

6. Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP)

6.1 The second meeting of HOSP is at 10am on Wednesday 3rd March in Hove Town Hall.

6.2 Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Jayne Bennett has been invited to provide an update on health scrutiny to the next meeting of OSOC, 29th March.

7. Requests for scrutiny/letters to OSOC

7.1 Letters/requests for scrutiny have been received on:

- Queries about on-street parking. This is not request for scrutiny - Councillor Bob Carden, (2nd January).

- Pension fund investment policies Request for Scrutiny - Councillor Bill Randall (6th January).

- Consultation on Trial of Communal Bins - Councillor Dawn Davidson (30th January).

These appear elsewhere on the agenda.

APPENDIX 1

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| Meeting/Date | 23rd February 2004 Overview and Scrutiny Organisation Committee |
| Report of | Director, Communications and Democratic Services |
| Subject | Progress on scrutiny reviews |
| Wards affected | All |

Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

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| Corporate/Citywide implications | Risk assessment |
| There are no direct corporate/citywide implications arising from this report. | No risk assessment has been undertaken in relation to this report. |
| Sustainability implications | Equalities implications |
| There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report. | There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report. |
| Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder | |
| There are no direct implications for the prevention of crime and disorder arising from this report | |

Background papers

None

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