

**For general release**

**Meeting:** Overview and Scrutiny Organisation Committee  
**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 2004  
**Report of:** The Director of Cultural Services  
**Subject:** Update on Current Scrutiny Reviews and EOSP and HOSP  
**Ward(s) affected:** All

**1. Purpose of the report**

1.1 To report the progress made on current scrutiny reviews, and to update Members on developments in the scrutiny function including the Education and Health Overview and Scrutiny Panels and replies to scrutiny recommendations from the executive committees.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the report be noted.

**3. Scrutiny Reviews Currently in Progress**

3.1 Hove Centre Lettings Policy Scrutiny Panel

3.1.1 The Scrutiny Panel for Hove Centre Lettings Policy Chaired by Councillor David Watkins is asking for further information from departmental officers before arranging a further Panel meeting.

3.2 Procurement Scrutiny Panel

3.2.1 The Procurement Scrutiny Panel chaired by Councillor Joyce Edmond-Smith met on the 11<sup>th</sup> June to draft its recommendations and its report will be submitted to the 13<sup>th</sup> September OSOC meeting.

3.3 The Dome Scrutiny Panel

3.3.1 The Dome Scrutiny Panel chaired by Councillor Kevin Allen has asked for information from finance officers and it is anticipated that it will then be in a position to meet to consider a draft report.

3.4 Communal Bins Consultation Scrutiny Panel

- 3.4.1 The Panel met in closed session with officers on the 26<sup>th</sup> May and then met on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June to draft its recommendations and its report will be submitted to the Environment Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and OSOC on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **4. Education Overview and Scrutiny Panel (EOSP)**

- 4.1 At its meeting held on 22 June, the Education, Overview and Scrutiny Panel (EOSP) set up the Sub Panel to Scrutinise COMART'S inclusion in the PFI Project and agreed the broad scope of the review relating to the COMART/Education PFI. Membership of the Panel was agreed as follows :-

Councillor Wrighton (Chair)

Councillor Lepper

Councillor Smith

Mr A MgGrath - Statutory Co-optee

Reverend S Terry - Non- Statutory Co-optee

- 4.2 It was agreed to scrutinise COMART'S inclusion in the PFI Project, to examine the original decision making process and the way in which the predicted school rolls were arrived at on which the charge and contract was based and to consider whether / if there are implications for future and existing PFI contracts. The first meeting of the Panel was held on 5 July and further Panel meetings have been arranged to take place in September. It is hoped to provide an -update to the Education, Overview & Scrutiny Panel at its next scheduled meeting on 5 October and for the report setting out the Panel's findings to be presented to the next scheduled meeting of EOSP thereafter.

#### **5. Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (HOSP)**

- 5.1 The Panel met on 29 June and received presentations on Service strategy, the future of the orthopaedic services for the Brighton and Mid Sussex Local Health Community, and infection control.
- 5.2 In addition the Panel received an update on the scrutiny request for GP boundaries and a report is expected towards the end of July. This matter will be further discussed at the Panel's next meeting.
- 5.3 The Panel was also informed that the Joint Commissioning Board received a confidential report on 2004/05 Section 31 Partnership Budget Update and had asked for a further report to its next meeting in September. The Panel has expressed a wish to be involved with any consultations that take place whether informal or formal.

#### **6. Requests for scrutiny/letters to OSOC**

There were none



## APPENDIX 1

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<b>Report of</b>	<b>Director of Cultural Services</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Progress on scrutiny reviews</b>
<b>Wards affected</b>	<b>All</b>

**Financial implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**Legal implications**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

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

**Background papers**

None

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