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Meeting: Overview & Scrutiny Organisation Committee

Date: 19th July 2004

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 23 JUNE 2004**

Present: Councillor Bodfish (Chair); Councillors Mrs Brown, Burgess (Deputy Chair), Elgood, Fitch, Hawkes, Hazelgrove, John (Deputy Chair), Kemble, Mitchell, Mrs Norman, Oxley (OS – Finance), Peltzer Dunn (OS), Randall and Taylor.

16. Future of Scrutiny

The special circumstances for non-compliance with Council Procedure Rule 19, Access to Information Rule 5 and Section 100B(4) of the 1972 Local Government Act as amended (items not to be considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) are that the legal and financial implications had not been completed at the time of the despatch of the agenda

16.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director, Cultural Services which reviewed the role and structure of Overview and Scrutiny in Brighton & Hove City Council in the context of:-

- an executive committee system
- ongoing financial pressures
- the strengths and weaknesses of the current arrangements

(for copy see Minute Book).

16.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That officer support for Overview and Scrutiny be increased as set out at paragraph 3.7 of the report;

(2) That the Director of Cultural Services be granted delegated authority to put in place the following arrangements:-

- (i) a process to monitor and follow up the outputs of Overview and Scrutiny and to ensure agreed recommendations are implemented
- (ii) a communications programme to clearly identify what items are being or due to be reviewed and the outcomes
- (iii) co-ordination by a senior officer of executive committees and Directors to identify potential areas of review to feed into the planning of the Overview and Scrutiny work programme.

(3) That the protocol for Scrutiny Review Panels, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, be adopted.

