

# OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSION

## Agenda Item 21

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: The Corporate Plan: Feedback on Cabinet Consideration of Overview and Scrutiny Comments

Date of Meeting: 15 July 2008

Report of: Director of Strategy and Governance

Contact Officer: Name: Mary van Beinum Tel: 29-1062  
E-mail: mary.vanbeinum@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Wards Affected: All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To provide the OSC with an update following its comments on the Corporate Plan, agenda item 11, at the 3 June OSC meeting.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members note the contents of the report as an early example of the important role of Overview and Scrutiny in influencing key strategic plans and policies before they are approved.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the 3 June meeting of OSC Members will recall that the Commission considered the Corporate Plan 2008 – 2011 in advance of the Cabinet meeting of 12 June, and provided a preliminary response.
- 3.2 The matters raised concerned car clubs, work skills, private rented sector, supported housing, energy efficiency of housing stock, drug users, environmental health enforcement and those not in education or training.
- 3.3 As a result, a supplementary report on the OSC's comments was presented to Cabinet for consideration. The Corporate Plan including the amendments as set out in Appendix 1 were agreed by Cabinet for referral to Council for approval.
- 3.4 It is intended that Corporate Plan progress reports be presented to future meetings of OSC as necessary.

**4. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

4.1 Financial Implications:

None directly in relation to this report

4.1 Legal Implications:

None directly in relation to this report

4.2 Equalities Implications:

None directly in relation to this report

4.3 Sustainability Implications:

None directly in relation to this report

4.4 Crime & Disorder Implications:

None directly in relation to this report

4.5 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

None directly in relation to this report

4.6 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

None directly in relation to this report

## APPENDIX 1

### COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

(Paragraph and page numbers refer to the Corporate Plan)

#### **A. Add reference to support for city car clubs in 1.2 (p. 9)**

Proposed amendment: Add new action bullet point reading “support the roll-out of car club cars across the City”.

#### **B. Clarify third action bullet in 1.3 (p. 11)**

Proposed amendment: Change bullet to read “Work with local businesses and others to ensure that workers have the skills they need.”

#### **C. Add reference to work on private rented sector housing in 1.5 (p. 15)**

Proposed amendment: New action bullet reading “Maintain our high level of performance in reducing the number of empty private sector homes in the city.”

#### **D. Add reference to supported housing in 1.5 (p.15)**

Proposed amendment: New action bullet reading “Provide financial assistance and support to householders and landlords to enable more vulnerable owner-occupiers and private tenants to live in decent homes.”

#### **E. Add reference to improving energy efficiency of housing stock in 1.5 (p. 15)**

Proposed amendment: New action bullet reading “Improve the energy efficiency of the city’s housing stock across all tenures, and reduce the number of people on low incomes living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating.”

#### **F. Describe the action being taken to deliver the commitment on drug users in 3.3 (p. 34)**

Proposed amendment: New action bullet reading: “Bring the drug treatment system in line with new and emerging best practice, training staff better and providing a high-quality, stable service.”

#### **G. Add reference to health benefits of environmental health enforcement work in 3.3 (p. 34)**

Proposed amendment: New action bullet reading: “Improve public health by improving the health and safety of workplaces, the fitness of food sold, and the quality of the city’s air.”

#### **H. Add specific action bullet on NEET in 3.4 (p. 35)**

Proposed amendment: New action bullet reading: “Expand the breadth of the curriculum offer to take into account the needs of all young people and increase the number of in-year enrolment opportunities to encourage those not in education to re-engage”