

POLICY SCRUTINY PANEL

28th May, 2008

Present: Councillors Wilkes (in the Chair), Cowper, Freeman, Kellett, McDonnell, Martin, Simmons, Simpson, Walker, Wolstenholme and Wynne.

Also Present: Councillors Colledge, Kelly, Marsden, Robinson, D. Smith and Stoddart.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. Lightley and Thompson.

Bullet Points from the Meeting held on 1st April, 2008.

The Bullet Points from the Meeting held on 1st April, 2008, were approved as a correct record.

BULLET POINTS

EQUALITIES ISSUES – DRAFT REPORT

- The Panel were presented with a Draft Report on the Scrutiny of the Council's Equalities Policies. Members considered the Report and made a number of observations.
- It was pointed out to the Panel that not all Members had received Equalities Training as part of the Corporate Training Plan. It was also noted that this years Corporate Training Plan which was effective until December 2008 had already been circulated to all Councillors and included a 1 day session covering Equalities Training and a further 1 day session on Disability Equality.
- It was felt by the Panel that opportunities for Equalities Training generally should not be restricted to two 1 day sessions and that all Staff and Elected Members who have not yet received Equalities Training should do so before the end of December 2008.
- The Panel suggested that the HR Section should therefore review the Corporate Training Plan as circulated and it was agreed that the Draft Recommendations be amended to reflect this. Members also suggested a number of further amendments to the Draft Recommendations.
- Subject to the incorporation of the suggested amendments to the Draft Recommendations it was agreed that the Draft Report be forwarded to the Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
- It was further agreed that the Policy Scrutiny Panel review progress against the remaining Staff/Member Equalities Training in October 2008.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr. Robinson raised the issue of the lack of Progress Reports made available to Members regarding the Swimming Pool Project.
- The Chairman agreed to raise this issue at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

The Meeting Terminated at 6.00 pm