

Item 8

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Tuesday,
7 November 2006

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor V. Crosby (Chairman) and
Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare, Mrs. J. Gray, M.T.B. Jones, A. Smith and
Mrs. C. Sproat

In Attendance: Councillors A. Gray, B. Hall, D.M. Hancock and J.G. Huntington

Apologies: Councillors B.F. Avery J.P, D.R. Brown, G.C. Gray, K. Henderson and
Mrs. L. Smith

OSC(3)13/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

OSC(3)14/06 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September, 2006 were confirmed
as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**OSC(3)15/06 PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
REPORT**
Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Executive in relation to the
preparation of the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report. (For copy see
file of Minutes).

The Committee reviewed the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny
Committee 3 throughout 2005/2006, considered a suggested Action Plan
for the Overview and Scrutiny function and reviewed working methods in
order to improve the Overview and Scrutiny function.

The achievements that the Committee had progressed were also outlined
in the report.

It was noted that, following consideration by all three Overview and
Scrutiny Committees, a combined Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report
would be submitted to Council.

AGREED :

1. *That the work undertaken during 2005/6 be noted.*
2. *That the proposed Action Plan for 2006/7 be supported.*

OSC(3)16/06 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report of the Chairman of the Committee, setting out the Committee's Work Programme for consideration and review. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members were updated on the progress of the ongoing Reviews on Recycling Services and the Council's Contribution to Reducing Economic Inactivity. It was noted that at its last meeting members of the "Worklessness" Review Group had agreed to change the name of the Review Group from "Worklessness" to "Increasing Employability".

In relation to future items for consideration, it was explained an item was scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee relating to progress towards Performance Indicator targets relating to the community outcome "ensuring a cleaner, greener environment". The Committee was informed that, since this item had been placed on the Work Programme, a more recent set of Performance Indicators were available indicating that all but one of those targets had now been achieved. It was considered, therefore, that it was no longer appropriate to include this item on the Work Programme.

Consideration was also given to including an item on the Work Programme on climate change and the authority's role in working to tackle the issue.

- AGREED :**
- 1. That the progress in relation to the two ongoing reviews, Recycling Services and the Council's Contribution to Reducing Economic Inactivity (Increasing Employability) be noted.*
 - 2. That the item "progress towards Performance Indicator targets relating to the community outcome ensuring a cleaner, greener environment" be removed from the Work Programme.*
 - 3. That an item be placed on the Work Programme relating to the authority's role in working to tackle climate change.*

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