

**Scrutiny Sub-Committee for
Promoting Strong Healthy and
Safe Communities**



3 March 2003

Forward Plan

Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To report the sections of the Council's Forward Plan which are within the Sub-Committee's jurisdiction.

Background

- 2 Under the Constitution, the Executive is required to produce a Forward Plan indicating key decisions covering a four month period.
- 3 The key decisions relevant to this Sub-Committee included in the Forward Plan are set out in the attached documentation.
- 4 The information in the Forward Plan provides the Sub-Committee with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these key decisions or to seek further information.
- 5 If the Sub-Committee wishes to consider any of the key decisions, this could be included in the Work Programme which needs to be considered.

Recommendation

- 6 You are recommended to give consideration to the Forward Plan.

Head of Overview and Scrutiny

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PROMOTING STRONG HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

Subject	Content
Topic	Review of library opening hours (throughout the county)
Lead Cabinet Member	Alan Cox, Alan Barker and Christine Smith
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	January 2003
Consultation	Community consultation will be undertaken, commencing January.
Contacts	Nigel Canaway, Assistant Director, Cultural Services, Tel: 0191 383 3596
Background Documents	Public Library Standards, Annual Library Plan, DCMS Libraries for All report
Additional Comments	

Subject	Content
Topic	Review of mobile libraries
Lead Cabinet Member	Alan Cox, Alan Barker, Christine Smith
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	January 2003
Consultation	Consultation in rural communities completed 2001
Contacts	Nigel Canaway, Assistant Director, Cultural Services, Tel: 0191 383 3596
Background Documents	Survey results and officers reports, Annual Library Plan
Additional Comments	

Subject	Content
Topic	Joint Review - development of the action plan
Lead Cabinet Member	Christine Smith
Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	Draft Action Plan - 19 December 2002 Final Action Plan - 4 March 2003
Consultation	Consultation period 19 December 2002 to 7 February 2003. Consultation with users, carers (User/Carer Forum, Carers Centres, LED Speaking Up Group), SLAN, Care in Durham, Disabled children (Glendene School), mental health users (Horizon) and key partners through existing forums.
Contacts	Peter Appleton, Social Services Department Tel: 0191 383 3628
Background Documents	Draft report of Joint Review (available after 19 December 2002)
Additional Comments	