



**HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH
STRONG COMMUNITIES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday,
26 June 2007
10.00 a.m.

Council Chamber,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

AGENDA
and
REPORTS



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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2007. (Pages 1 - 4)

**4. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW: REGENERATION OF
NEIGHBOURHOODS WITH OLDER PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING
PROGRESS ON ACTION PLAN**

To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive. (Pages 5 - 10)

**5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP REPORT - THE PROVISION
OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

To note Cabinet's response to the review. (Pages 11 - 14)

**6. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP REPORT - LEISURE CENTRE
CONCESSIONARY PRICING SCHEME**

To note Cabinet's response to the review. (Pages 15 - 18)

7. WORK PROGRAMME

To consider the attached report of the Chairman of the Committee.
(Pages 19 - 22)

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

Members are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items they would wish to raise under the heading not later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting, in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

**B. Allen
Chief Executive**

**Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
18th June 2007**

Councillor J.E. Higgin (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs. P. Crathorne (Vice Chairman)

Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, J. Burton, Mrs. S. Haigh,
Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, K. Thompson, T. Ward, J. Wayman J.P and
Mrs E. M. Wood.

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

Council Chamber,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Tuesday,
10 April 2007

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor J.E. Higgin (Chairman) and

Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, T.F. Forrest, D.M. Hancock, J.P. Moran,
T. Ward and J. Wayman J.P

In

Attendance: Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare, Mrs. K. Conroy, V. Crosby, A. Gray,
G.C. Gray, J.G. Huntington, J.M. Khan, G. Morgan, J.K. Piggott, A. Smith
and Mrs. I. Jackson Smith

**Observer
with
Chairman's
Consent**

Councillor M. Iveson

Apologies: Councillors J. Burton, G.M.R. Howe, Ms. M. Predki, J. Robinson J.P and
K. Thompson

Tenants Representative
Mrs. M. Thomson

OSC(2).41/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

OSC(2).42/06 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February, 2007 were confirmed as
a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**OSC(2).43/06 HOUSING DEPARTMENT SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN -
PROGRESS TO DATE**
Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Housing to provide
an update on the progress of the Service Improvement Plan. (For copy see
file of Minutes).

The Committee's attention was drawn to the Service Improvement Plan
and the progress made.

Specific reference was made to the completion of a number of actions,
including the Tenants Handbook, the conclusion of the review of current
tenant arrears policies, the examination of value for money (VFM) issues
and partnering with Repairs and Maintenance, Call Out and disabled
persons adaptations (DPA) services.

AGREED : That the Committee was satisfied with progress achieved on the Service Improvement Plan.

OSC(2).44/06 HOUSING MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF RENT INCOME AND ARREARS RECOVERY

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Housing detailing the findings of the service review undertaken by the Rent Income Excellence Network (RIEN). (For copy see file of Minutes).

The Committee was informed that the RIEN was commissioned to support future service improvements to housing income management. The report identified a number of strengths and weaknesses to the current management, which were outlined under the following themes: -

- Customer access, care and service user focus
- Current tenant arrears and former tenant arrears collection
- Debt advice, and
- Value for money

The Committee's attention was then drawn to the Housing Management Rent Income Service Improvement Plan.

It was explained that four actions had been completed at the time of the report.

Discussion was held regarding the length of time it took for debt to be recovered when a tenant was supported by Social Services and the management of current rent arrears. It was explained that the current procedure regarding renting a Council property and its management was currently being reviewed to improve procedures and preventative measures.

- RECOMMENDED :*
- (1) *That the Housing Management Review Rent Income and Arrears Recovery Service Improvement Plan be implemented.*
 - (2) *That further reports be brought in relation to key service improvement areas identified as necessary.*

OSC(2).45/06 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP REPORT - REVIEW OF ARTS DEVELOPMENT

K. Banner, Arts Development Officer, attended the meeting to report on progress made on the Action Plan. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that substantial progress had been made on the Action Plan.

- AGREED :*
- (1) *That the Committee was satisfied with progress achieved on the Action Plan.*

(2) *That the Action Plan required no further monitoring by Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2.*

OSC(2).46/06 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).

AGREED : That the Work Programme be approved.

OSC(2).47/06 DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meetings held on 8th January, 2007 and 1st February, 2007 were considered and noted. (For copies see file of Minutes).

AGREED : That the Minutes be noted.

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Item 4

HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26 JUNE 2007

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW: REGENERATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS WITH OLDER PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING PROGRESS ON ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY

At its meeting on 25 April 2006 Overview & Scrutiny Committee 3 recommended that the response of Cabinet to the recommendations of the review, together with the implementation timetable outlined, be noted and progress on the Action Plan be reviewed.

Following changes to Committee responsibilities in the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2006, this Review is now the responsibility of the Healthy Borough with Strong Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The attached schedule details progress to date from the Cabinet's response and action plan following its consideration of the recommendations arising from the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Review into the Regeneration of Neighbourhoods with Older Private Sector Housing.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee notes progress of the Action Plan for the Overview & Scrutiny Review for Regeneration of Neighbourhoods with Older Private Sector Housing.
2. The Committee reviews progress on the action plan in 6 months.

DETAIL

1. At its meeting on 8 November 2005 Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 received and approved the report of the Review Group established to consider the Regeneration of Neighbourhoods with Older Private Sector Housing.
2. The Review Group report, detailing the conclusions and recommendations arising from the review, was presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 16 February 2006 for consideration.

3. At its meeting on 25 April 2006 Overview & Scrutiny Committee 3 recommended that the response of Cabinet to the recommendations of the review, together with the implementation timetable outlined, be noted and progress on the Action Plan be reviewed. The first update on progress was reported at the Overview and Scrutiny committee 2 meeting on 28 November 2006.
4. The attached schedule details progress to date from the Cabinet's response and action plan following its consideration of the recommendations arising from the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Review into the Regeneration of Neighbourhoods with Older Private Sector Housing.
5. A suggested timetable for the implementation of actions is included and responsible officers have been identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

LIST OF APPENDICES

1. Overview and Scrutiny Review Group Report: Regeneration of Neighbourhoods with Older Private Sector Housing - Cabinet Response and Action Plan

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Wards	Borough-wide, with particular significance for Chilton and Ferryhill wards
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Background Papers

Regeneration of Neighbourhoods with Older Private Sector Housing:
Overview and Scrutiny Review Group Report

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP REPORT - REGENERATION OF NEIGHBOURHOODS WITH OLDER PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING
CABINET RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN**

Review Recommendations		Cabinet Response		Implementation	
		Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
1.	That the Council's commitment to acting as the lead agency in regeneration of neighbourhoods with older private sector housing be re-affirmed, together with the selection of three areas (at (West) Chilton, Ferryhill Station and Dean Bank, Ferryhill) for priority action through the delivery of the Master Plan for the areas.	Agreed	The Master Plan is complete and was presented to Cabinet in July 2006. Further work has been undertaken to confirm the financial profiles and develop effective solutions to allow all residents to access housing of choice.	A Palmer G Hall	July 2006 then ongoing
2.	That a project timetable be included in the Master Plan and that this be used to monitor the delivery of the Regeneration of the Priority Areas.	Agreed	The Master Plan contains a section on delivery, together with indicative timescales. This will be expanded and provided in more detail in a programme business case to be presented to Cabinet in July 2007.	A Palmer G Hall	July 2006 Update by July 2007
3.	That selective intervention is undertaken in other areas, as appropriate, to address problems associated with older private sector housing in those areas.	Agreed	A report on the delivery mechanisms for Private Sector Renewal, including Private Sector Licensing of Landlords, will be presented to Cabinet in June 2007.	G Hall	June 2007
4.	That, in view of the resources required, the Council engages at a sub-regional level with agencies such as the Durham Coalfields Housing Renewal Partnership, Government Office North East and English Partnerships to examine all possible additional investment and funding opportunities.	Agreed	Officers will continue to attend the Durham Coalfields Housing Renewal Partnership. Secured Single Programme resources and appointed Countywide Coalfield Housing Development Director to feed into work by English Partnerships and the Regional housing Board	G Hall A Palmer	Ongoing November 2006

Review Recommendations	Cabinet Response		Implementation	
	Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
5. That as there is a range of solutions available to address relevant issues, the most appropriate solution should be identified in each case - with the overall aim of ensuring that the outcome is a sustainable and viable community.	Agreed	Officers will utilise a range of tools to address private sector housing renewal and regeneration of our priority neighbourhoods.	D Hedley	Ongoing
6. That any households displaced by regeneration programmes are offered, as far as is possible, the housing solution most appropriate to their needs.	Agreed	Bespoke relocation packages are being developed to support any household displaced by regeneration programme. Consultants due to provide report including further details and mechanisms for payment.	A. Stephenson J Wilkinson	May 2006
7. That the Council ensures, as far as it can, that any future housing developments resulting from the regeneration of neighbourhoods contain a mix of affordable family housing as well as a social housing element.	Agreed	The implementation of the regeneration of neighbourhoods that includes new house building will ensure a suitable mix of house type and tenures. Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 carried out a review of affordable housing and the findings of the review were reported in February 2007. The principles established will be used across the priority communities	D Hedley C Myers	Ongoing February 2007
8. That residents and stakeholders affected by regeneration programmes are consulted and kept informed at all stages of the process.	Agreed	Consultation with residents was fundamental to development of the Master Plan. Stakeholder Group developed to ensure effective community engagement during project delivery.	G. Hall D Hedley G Wood	July - October 2006 April 2007

Review Recommendations	Cabinet Response		Implementation	
	Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
9. That the Council uses all its available powers to achieve these objectives (including use of group repair schemes) to improve homes; use of compulsory purchase to acquire and clear blocks of redundant properties; use of planning and environmental health powers to tackle empty buildings and derelict sites; and consideration of the adoption of selective licensing of private landlords.	Agreed	The Master Plans for Chilton West, Dean Bank and Ferryhill Station will include the use of these available powers. The lessons learned from these interventions will be used to inform the approach to other areas of older private sector housing.	D Hedley E Beevers A Blakemore	Ongoing
10. That the Council works with other partners, such as the Police and County Council to effectively exercise the powers at 9. above.	Agreed	The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Local Strategic Partnership are used to support the objectives of the regeneration of areas of older private sector housing.	A Palmer G Hall D Hedley	Ongoing
11. That links are established with other programmes via Neighbourhood Management, to address issues of crime, anti-social behaviour, joblessness, low educational achievement etc.	Agreed	Detailed integration of service delivery to underpin the use of the powers detailed in 10 above is to be provided by a Neighbourhood Management approach across the three communities.	G. Hall A. Palmer D Hedley G Wood	Ongoing

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**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP - THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
CABINET RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN**

Review Recommendations	Cabinet Response		Implementation for consideration by Management Team	
	Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
<p>1. The following local definition of affordable housing is adopted by Sedgfield Borough Council:</p> <p>“Affordable housing is that which can be afforded to meet the needs of a household who are unable to resolve their housing requirements in the open housing market, due to the relationship between local incomes and house or rental prices in the open housing market.</p> <p>“Affordable housing consists of either “social housing” whose rent levels are set in line with Government rent policy, and “intermediary housing” such as shared ownership/reduced rental products that enable households to own part of their property.</p>	Yes	The local definition provides a clear policy steer for the delivery of affordable housing in the Borough. The Local Planning Authority in both determining planning applications and within the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document should use the definition.	Charlie Walton	Ongoing

Implementation for consideration by Management Team	
Responsibility	Timescale
Glyn Hall & Colin Steel	June 2008
Chris Myers	Data already acquired Housing Market Assessment to report by 1 st Oct
Chris Myers	Ongoing

Cabinet Response	
Agreed?	Comments
Yes	An up-to-date evidence base on which sound decisions are made is essential. Provision has been made in the 2007/8 revenue budget to procure a new Housing Needs Survey. Any decision to proceed would have to be taken with in the strategic context of the emerging sub regional Housing Market Assessment.
Yes	An up-to-date evidence base on which decisions are made is essential. The Council together with the other district authorities are commissioning a Housing Market Assessment study to provide an analysis of the current market.
Yes	An up-to-date evidence base on which decisions are made is essential.

Review Recommendations	
	“Affordable housing should be provided on the development site ensuring that they are integrated with open market value housing and they remain affordable in perpetuity.”
2.	Key Recommendation The Housing Needs Study is updated during 2007/08 to reflect changes in the housing market and to provide a valid evidence-base to demonstrate affordable housing needs within Sedgefield Borough
3.	Information on house price data and local incomes is continuously monitored and updated and options to improve data available, including suitable software systems, be explored
4.	Housing land supply and house build data is continuously reviewed and updated

Implementation for consideration by Management Team	
Responsibility	Timescale
Charlie Walton	As required. Site-specific issue.
Colin Steel	April 2007
Colin Steel	Completed
Glyn Hall	An implementation programme will be completed for phase 1 by May 2007

Cabinet Response	
Agreed?	Comments
Yes	There is no in-house expertise to deal with development costs. Independent advice is therefore essential to ensure that the provision of affordable housing is maximised on housing sites.
Yes	The allocation policy will be subject to regular review a report on this issue will be presented to Cabinet at the end of April. Further reports on Choice based lettings will be presented as at future dates as required.
Yes	Formal nomination agreements with all RSL have recently been agreed.
Yes	The implementation of the master plan, private sector licensing and the development of an empty homes strategy will help ensure the effective use of the private sector housing stock in the Borough

Review Recommendations	
5.	Arrangements are made to secure access to independent specialist support for site-specific cases, in relation to individual development sites where unknown development costs are a key issue
6.	The Council's housing allocations policy is kept under review to ensure it meets local circumstances and needs prior to the implementation of the Choice Based Lettings Scheme
7.	The Borough Council formalises links with the registered social landlord sector in respect of nominations
8.	Sedgefield Borough Council works to ensure the effective use of private sector stock through regeneration and action to bring empty properties back into use

Review Recommendations		Cabinet Response		Implementation for consideration by Management Team	
		Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
9.	Key Recommendation A Supplementary Planning Document on Affordable Housing is developed for Sedgfield Borough by September 2007	Yes	The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document will provide an up-to-date and clear policy steer for developers.	Chris Myers	September 2007
10.	Key Recommendation The Borough Council's Planning and Legal Sections work jointly to produce a model Section 106 agreement, based on good practice guidance	Yes	The development of a model Section 106 agreement will reduce the timescale for granting planning permission. This will help the Borough Council achieve the BVPI target for determining major planning applications within 13 weeks.	Charlie Walton & Dennis Hall	May 2007
11.	The effective use of Borough Council resources (financial and land) be reviewed, linked to the delivery of affordable housing in areas of high housing need, when necessary	Yes	The council have already earmarked Capital receipts from land sales to be used for regeneration and affordable housing.	Glyn Hall & Alan Smith	Ongoing
12.	The Borough Council assumes a role in enabling potential development sites to come forward for affordable housing to meet housing needs when appropriate	Yes	A joint approach between planning and strategic housing will be required to ensure when appropriate the development of sites is enabled through the planning system.	Chris Myers & Dianne Hedley	As required

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP REPORT – LEISURE CENTRE CONCESSIONARY PRICING SCHEME
CABINET RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN**

Review Recommendations	Cabinet Response		Implementation	
	Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
1. Consideration be given to extend concessionary usage of the Lifestyle Suites between 7.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.	<u>Yes</u>	Some further work will be required to determine spare capacity at these times by location and report back on what may be possible	Marketing team	June 2007
2. Feasibility of extending the Concessionary Pricing Scheme to clubs and associations based in the Council's Leisure Centres be examined.	<u>Yes</u>	Service level agreements are being refreshed with clubs at present and this issue will be included in these discussions	Leisure centre managers	June 2007
3. Concessionary Prices remain at their current level for 2007/08 and be examined periodically.	<u>Yes</u>	The Cabinet Member was asked to investigate the Leisure pricing strategy for 2007/08 to allow for concessionary pricing to remain at 2006/07 levels and has been able to comply with the scrutiny recommendation	Director	April 2007
4. Communications Plan be monitored on a monthly basis to ensure actions within the plan are delivered.	<u>Yes</u>	Work is incorporated within the department's marketing plan	Marketing team	March 2007

Review Recommendations	Cabinet Response		Implementation	
	Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
<p>5. Partnership working with County Durham Primary Care Trust be established to:</p> <p>a) Promote the Concessionary Leisure Scheme in GP Practices within the Borough.</p> <p>b) Provide Information to Primary Care Health Workers to promote the Concessionary Scheme when discussing the health benefits of exercise with patients.</p>	<u>Yes</u>	The issue will be developed via the healthy lifestyle and strategic working group processes	Youth/ Sport Development team	2007/08
<p>6. A Focus Group be established with existing users of the Leisure Centre Concessionary Scheme to provide Leisure Services with a forum for consultation regarding the Leisure Centre Concessionary Pricing Scheme.</p>	<u>Yes</u>	Incorporated within the marketing plan	Marketing team	2007/08
<p>7. Leisure Centre Concessionary Pricing Scheme Communication Plan to include bespoke marketing and communications materials relevant to the targeted group.</p>	<u>Yes</u>	Incorporated within the marketing plan	Marketing team	2007/08
<p>8. Information and advertisements including case study examples regarding the Leisure Centre concessionary scheme be promoted through the Council's Community Newspaper Inform.</p>	<u>Yes</u>	As above	As above	As above

Review Recommendations	Cabinet Response		Implementation	
	Agreed?	Comments	Responsibility	Timescale
<p>9. All members be transferred on to the B:Active Scheme by September 2007 to create accurate information to assist Performance and Marketing Information.</p>	<u>Yes</u>		Facility managers	Sept 2007
<p>10. Leisure Services take account of findings from the reports evaluating initiatives in Wales and Scotland when published and identify if any further improvements can be made.</p>	<u>Yes</u>	Part of the research work within the marketing team	Marketing team	2007/08

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Item 7

HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

This report sets out the Committee's current Work Programme for consideration and review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee's Work Programme be reviewed.

DETAIL

1. In accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8 of the Council's Constitution, Overview & Scrutiny Committees are responsible for setting their own work programme.
2. Each Overview & Scrutiny Committee should agree a realistic, achievable and considered work programme on the understanding that, from time to time, more urgent or immediate issues may require scrutiny. Issues may, for example, be raised by Cabinet reports, Members' constituency business or be referred to Scrutiny by Cabinet in advance of a Cabinet decision.
3. The current Work Programme for this Committee is appended to the report which details:-
 - Scrutiny Reviews currently being undertaken.
 - Scrutiny review topics held in reserve for future investigation.
 - A schedule of items to be considered by the Committee for the next 6 meetings.
4. **Scrutiny Review**

The Committee should aim to undertake a small number of high quality reviews that will make a real difference to the work of the Authority, rather than high numbers of reviews on more minor issues. Each Overview & Scrutiny Committee should therefore aim to undertake two reviews concurrently. Any additional review topics that have been agreed by Members will be placed on a reserve list and as one Review is completed the Committee will decide on which review should be undertaken next.

Scrutiny reviews will be conducted by a Review Group established by the Committee comprising of 5-6 Members. In most cases the Review Group will be made up of Members from the establishing Committee. However, Members

may decide to conduct a review that cuts across the responsibilities of another Overview & Scrutiny Committee. In these cases Members should consider whether it would be appropriate to co-opt Members from the other relative Overview & Scrutiny Committee(s). If it is decided that the review is crosscutting the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Overview & Scrutiny Committees concerned should decide which Committee should take the lead on the review and how many Members should be co-opted from other Overview & Scrutiny Committee(s). The number of Members to be co-opted will depend on the extent to which the responsibility of the topic is shared, however the Review Group should have no more than 6 members.

5. Business for Future Meetings

The Work Programme sets out a plan of when it is anticipated that certain items will be considered by the Committee. These items may include:-

- Best Value Service Improvement Plan updates
- Items which are submitted at regular intervals
- Issues identified by Members for consideration
- Any updates requested by Members

Members are requested to review the Committee's Work Programme and identify, where necessary, issues which they feel should be investigated by the Committee. It will not always be possible to anticipate all reports which will need to be considered by an Overview & Scrutiny Committee and therefore a flexible approach will need to be taken to work programming.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

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Background Papers None

HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME

Ongoing Reviews

No Reviews currently ongoing

Future Reviews

The following review topics have been identified by the Committee for future review. As one review is completed Members will decide which review should be undertaken next.

- *Choice Based Lettings*

ANTICIPATED ITEMS

26th June 2007

- **Overview and Scrutiny Review Group Report: Review of Regeneration with Older Private Sector Housing – Progress on Action Plan**
- **Overview and Scrutiny Review: The Provision of Affordable Housing – Cabinet Response**
- **Overview and Scrutiny Review: Leisure Centre Concessionary Pricing Scheme- Cabinet Response**

11th September 2007

- **Street Safe Review Group - Action Plan**
- **Review of Tourism Within the Borough – Action Plan Update**
- **Choice Based Lettings**
- **Performance Indicators**

23rd October 2007

- **No items currently identified**

27th November 2007

- **No items currently identified**

15th January 2008

- **No items currently identified**

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