

Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Thursday, 20 July 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS

Set out below is a summary of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee held on Thursday, 20 July 2006. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes. If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this recommendation summary please contact Patrick Adams.

1. **DRAFT AGENDA PROGRAMME AND PROGRAMME OF KEY DECISIONS**

Bus services

The Committee **AGREED** to

- (a) Put an item on bus services onto the agenda programme
- (b) Send a letter to the County Council expressing concern about the level of bus services to the district's villages.

August's meeting

The Committee **AGREED** to keep August's Committee on the programme of meetings, but cancel the meeting if there was insufficient business.

East of England Plan Panel Report

The Committee **AGREED** to add this matter to the agenda programme.

2. **CALL-IN: CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP**

AGREED to refer this matter to Council, instead of Cabinet, with the following recommendation:

- (a) Council should establish a Climate Change Meeting to be held on a set day at a set time, preferably on the same day as another meeting with a large attendance. This might assist in adhering to sustainability principles regarding transport costs and member and officer time.
- (b) Costs could be split proportionally between all portfolios or borne by Council as a whole because of the important impact of climate change on all portfolios.

3. **DEVELOPING A POLICY ON CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU (CRB) CHECKS**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that Cabinet develop a policy on CRB checks which

- (a) will subject all newly elected Councillors to a standard CRB Check
- (b) will encourage all existing Members to agree to a standard CRB Check
- (c) will ensure the results of the CRB Checks be first reviewed by a manager of appropriate responsibility.

4. **SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WEBPAGE**

The Committee **AGREED** to refer this matter to the Scrutiny Sub-Group for further development.

5. **MONITORING OF PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

The Committee **NOTED** the appointment of monitoring roles made by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.