

Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Thursday, 18 January 2007

RECOMMENDATIONS

Set out below is a summary of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee held on Thursday, 18 January 2007. 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 December 2006 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- The inclusion of Cllr RE Barrett in the list of attendees
- The insertion of the word "not" in the first paragraph of minute 6, after the words "external organisation could"

2. DRAFT AGENDA PROGRAMME

The Committee **agreed** to:

- Add Member/Officer Contract, which had been postponed from this meeting, as an item on February's agenda
- Include an item on the Council's Complaints Procedure at February's agenda.
- Add an item on Grants to Voluntary Organisations to February's agenda
- Add an item on Anti-social behaviour to the agenda programme
- Add an item on Community Call to Action for late summer early autumn, exact meeting to be arranged following further information on when this new process was to be piloted.
- Remove East of England Plan Panel report from the agenda programme

3. POST OFFICE CLOSURES

The Committee **agreed** to set up an informal task and finish group of Councillors R Hall, Mrs EM Heazell, AG Orgee and Mrs HM Smith. This group will report back to the Committee on how best to respond to the Government's consultation exercise, basing the proposed response on the Committee's discussions. The response will be copied in to Postwatch.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer **agreed** to send the consultation form, with Postwatch's two page explanation of the consultation process, to all Members.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER

The Committee **agreed** to appoint Councillors RF Bryant, R Hall and Mrs EM Heazell to a task and finish group, which will examine possible amendments to the Constitution to include the role of an official opposition.

5. SCRUTINY TRAINING AT YORK

The Committee

AGREED to book Councillor R Hall on to an IDeA training course for Overview and Scrutiny Chairs at York at a cost of £500.

