

## Environment and Regeneration Select Committee

A meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Select Committee was held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs Beaumont (Chairman), Councillors Cains, Fletcher, Leckonby, Noble, Robinson, Salt and Teasdale.

**Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr Dixon, Mrs Norton, Smith, Walmsley and Woodhead.

**Officers:** S Connolly, M.Henderson (LD);

### 976 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Beaumont and Fletcher each declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of the matter under discussion, in view of their involvement with Community Association Management Committees.

### 977 Possible Future Policy Development/ Review Topics

Members noted that the Council, at its meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006, would be considering proposed changes to Scrutiny arrangements. In the event of Council approving the new arrangements, this Committee would be required to provide the proposed Executive Scrutiny Committee with views on the Select Committee's priority areas for policy development and review, insofar as environment, transport and regeneration was concerned. Given this and other input the Executive Scrutiny Committee would then determine the Committee's work programme.

The Committee agreed to start initial consideration of possible development/review topics.

The Committee identified the following possible areas:-

- Street Lighting – Members agreed that there was a range of issues associated with this matter e.g. environment, community safety, standards, new technology, sources of power, regeneration.
- Waste Strategy – Noted that a government paper would be produced in February. Additionally, the Committee had indicated that it would undertake a review of its previous work in this area.
- Regeneration – possibly reviewing an area that had been regenerated
- Community Development including the level of assistance provided, by the Council, to Community Associations
- Tourism – Development and Marketing of Tourism in the Borough etc

Members agreed that, following the anticipated introduction of new scrutiny arrangements, the above broad areas of work, together with any other suggestions, should be further considered in order to identify the Committee's priority areas. The Committee would also give consideration to issues that supported the need for the review of any priority area, before forwarding its preferences to the proposed Executive Scrutiny Committee.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. Following the anticipated introduction of new scrutiny arrangements, the Committee should consider the broad areas of work identified above, together with any other suggestions, with a view to identifying its priority areas and forwarding them to the Executive Scrutiny Committee
2. When identifying its priority areas the Committee should consider and provide details of issues that support the need for the review.