

Corporate Policy Select Committee

Review of Corporate Consultation

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 4 July 2006

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee met on 14 June to take evidence from Council Officers responsible for consultation and on 27 June to take evidence from David Allen (independent consultant and consultation expert) and Ann Atkinson, Policy and Research Manager, Newcastle City Council.

Arrangements have been made for the Committee to work in smaller groups undertaking case studies on specific consultations undertaken by the Council over the summer.

Adult and Youth Focus groups will also be held to seek views on the operation of the Citizen's Panel wider consultation issues and views will be sought from other Councillors.

Timescale for Review

The timescale for the review remains unchanged from the original project plan with the Select Committee agreeing their final report on 12 December with submission to Executive Scrutiny on 19 December and Cabinet on 4 January.