

## **Corporate Policy Select Committee**

### **Review of Corporate Consultation**

#### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 1 August 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.

The Committee have decided to examine four consultation “case studies” in more detail. The consultations identified are as follows:

- Youth Matters – Ezee survey
- Budget Consultation
- Billingham Town Centre
- Open Spaces Audit

Adult and Youth Focus groups will also be held during the first week in August to seek views on the operation of the Citizen’s Panel and wider consultation issues. A survey has also been sent to all Councillors to seek their views on how the Council consults.

##### **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.