

Corporate Policy Select Committee

Review of Corporate Consultation

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 24 October 2006

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Committee have taken all the evidence identified on the project plan. On 19 September the Committee reviewed a summary of the key points from the evidence received to date and discussed initial findings and conclusions around the following questions:

How can the Council:

- avoid duplication of consultation exercises?
- make the widest possible use of consultation results?
- take a strategic approach to planning consultation?
- spread the costs by consulting jointly with other agencies?
- share good practice and expertise?
- improve the quality of consultation exercises?

These views were discussed at Policy Officers Group on 11 October and their comments will be fed back to the October meeting of the Committee to assist the Committee in formulating conclusions and recommendations.

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.