

<b>Item No:</b>  1	<b>Classification:</b> OPEN	<b>Date:</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2003	<b>Meeting Name:</b> ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCRUTINY SUB- COMMITTEE
<b>Report Title:</b>		Community councils	
<b>Ward(s) or Group affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Overview and Scrutiny	

## RECOMMENDATION

That members consider the attached research from Inlogov and determine how they wish to take this scrutiny forward

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

When Community Councils were established, members agreed that there should be a review of their operation, progress and performance after six months. The purpose of this review was to evaluate their impact to date and recommend how they might develop. Given that the original development work around community councils was undertaken in scrutiny, it was agreed that the review should also be led by scrutiny. Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the first stage of the work should be led by Environment and Community Support, a retrospective evaluation, and the second stage by Finance and Economic Development, building on the first stage to develop recommendations for the future development of community councils.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Inlogov's report is attached at Appendix A and the authors will be attending Environment and Community Support to present it. Members are asked to consider how they want to use it in carrying out their work. Possible ways forward might be:

- to use the 19 November meeting and the benefit of having the researchers present to pull out the key themes and construct some questions that need to be debated – then use the December session to interview key stakeholders around these questions
- to overlay the inlogov report with a note setting out the priority issues identified by Environment and Community Support from the report and their own discussions, and send it out to all members and the officers who feed into community councils, asking for submissions

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