

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 17 th June 2003	Meeting Name: Executive
Report Title:	Reference: Scrutiny Final Report "Review of the Council's Draft Unitary Development Plan"		
Ward(s) or Groups Affected:	All		
From:	Overview & Scrutiny Committee		

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Executive considers the scrutiny report entitled "Review of the Council's Draft Unitary Development Plan" (attached at Appendix 1), and responds to it within two months - in line with paragraph 15.3 of the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The first draft for deposit of Southwark's new UDP was agreed by full Council Assembly on 30 October 2002. As part of the continuing consultation process for the UDP, the relevant aspects of the UDP and accompanying Special Planning Guidance were referred to scrutiny for consideration.
3. On 9 December 2002 Overview & Scrutiny Committee asked Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee to lead scrutiny of the UDP and report back to OSC by the end of the 2002-03 Municipal Year.
4. Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee were asked to pay particular regard to:
 - Assessing the appropriateness of the Opportunity Areas and Action Areas identified within the UDP document;
 - Assessing the proposed housing densities for areas within the borough; and
 - Understanding sustainability appraisals
5. As part of this process scrutiny Sub-Committees were invited to comment on their particular areas of concern within the UDP to Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee and these comments were considered during the inquiry.
6. Between January and May 2003, over the course of six meetings, the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee considered the Council's Draft Unitary Development Plan [UDP]. A copy of the final scrutiny report is attached at Appendix 1.
7. Details of the evidence taken during the inquiry and witnesses called can be found in Appendix C to the attached report.
8. On 19th May 2003 Overview & Scrutiny Committee referred the final scrutiny report to the Executive with the following additional comment, i.e.

“That the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee’s final report and recommendations arising from scrutiny of the Council’s draft Unitary Development Plan (final report attached at Appendix 1) be noted and referred to the Council’s Executive for consideration, subject to the addition of the recommendation that scrutiny of Soutwark’s definition of affordable housing be undertaken.”

9. Accordingly, the scrutiny report entitled “Review of the Council’s Draft Unitary Development Plan”, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, stands referred to the Executive.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

10. The final report contains a number of recommendations, contained within paragraphs 1-6 of the attached report.
11. In accordance with paragraph 15.3 of the Council’s Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Executive is asked to respond to this scrutiny report within two months.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no additional legal implications raised by this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no specific resource implications raised by this report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no additional equalities implications raised by this report.

CONSULTATION

15. Details of consultation undertaken during the scrutiny inquiry are contained in the attached scrutiny report.

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No

Executive Member

No

No

Background Papers

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