

Item no: 13	Classification: OPEN	Committee Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Date: 18 February 2003
From: Head of Corporate Strategy		Title: Scrutiny of the Council's Draft Unitary Development Plan (UDP)	

Purpose of report

1. To set out context for review of the Council's Draft Unitary Development Plan (UDP).
2. To consider the enclosed programme for the scrutiny of the Council's Unitary Development Plan.

Recommendations

3. That Members consider the draft programme for scrutiny of the UDP attached at Appendix A.

Background

4. At its meeting on 9 December 2003 Overview and Scrutiny Committee referred the Draft UDP to the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee for review with the advice that scrutiny should have particular regard to:
 - Assessment of the appropriateness of the Opportunity Areas and Action Areas identified within the UDP document
 - Assessment of the proposed housing densities for areas within the borough
 - Understanding sustainability appraisals
5. The Sub-Committee received a presentation on the UDP from officers on 27 January 2003. Members used the session to:
 - gain more information about the draft plan;
 - receive information about the timetable for agreeing for plan and

- decide upon the timetable and desired outcomes for scrutiny of the plan
6. At the meeting Members set out the areas where they decided further scrutiny was necessary:
- Assessment of appropriateness of housing densities
 - The Sustainability Criteria and the ability of the plan to deliver sustainable development
 - The appropriateness of Opportunity Area and Action Areas
 - The uses of Section 106 funding
7. Officers were asked by the Sub-Committee to work up an outline programme, based on the comments set out above for scrutiny of the UDP. The outline programme is attached at Appendix A.

Concurrent of the Borough Solicitor & Secretary

8. Legal Advice on individual scrutiny reviews will be provided by the Borough Solicitor & Secretary.

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