

<b>Item No.</b> 1	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 6/5/04	<b>MEETING NAME</b> Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Corporate Plan and Quarter 3 Performance Report <b>Appendix 2: Comments from Scrutiny Sub-Committees</b>	
<b>From:</b>		Scrutiny Team	

All scrutiny sub-committees will shortly have considered the Quarter 3 Performance Report and comments currently available [where comments have been made on the report] are set out below.

Both Finance & Economic Development Scrutiny Sub-Committee and Environment & Community Support Scrutiny Sub-Committee made recommendations directly to the Executive.

(a) Education, Youth & Leisure Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee are due to consider the Draft Corporate Plan on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2004. Comments are not yet available, therefore.

(b) Environment & Community Support Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The Scrutiny Sub-Committee noted that Southwark had fallen from fifth to fourth (worse) position in its Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Family. The Sub-Committee was concerned that violent crime had increased and particularly that knife related crime and rape/sexual assault had increased. Street crimes per 1,000 (LPI2) had also not met the target.

The Scrutiny Sub-Committee was concerned that the Executive had made no specific recommendations in these areas in order to remedy the Council's under-performance.

Members referred their comments directly to the Executive, resolving:

- “1. That the Executive takes appropriate action to address the failure to achieve targets in respect of reducing crime rates in Southwark, specifically:
  - Violent crime, including knife related crime and rape/sexual assault; and
  - Street crime.
2. That this is taken account of in consideration of the Council's Corporate Plan (Best Value Performance Plan)”.

(c) Finance & Economic Development Scrutiny Sub-Committee

1. “That Executive take into account the following points when they consider the Quarter 3 Performance Report:

- a) That debt write-offs need to be clearly explained in the end-of-year Performance Report
  - b) That debt write-offs be viewed within the context of the overall targets of "Driving Down Debt"
  - c) That in relation to performance indicator BV79b, the failure to recover housing benefits overpayments needs to be addressed by the Council
  - d) That in relation to performance indicator BV8 a greater effort is needed to ensure that invoices are paid within the target time.
2. That Executive be invited to review the crime targets in view of the Crime and Disorder Strategy with particular focus on the increasing problem of knife-related crimes".
- (d) Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee  
No comments.
- (e) Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee  
No comments.
- (f) Regeneration & Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee:  
"That more local regeneration statistics be made available to enable comparison of local regeneration projects, and that all Members be given access to local regeneration scheme data in terms of performance to agreed outputs".

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2004