

Item 3 - Work Programme:

Possible agenda items for the October 2004 scrutiny meeting

Officers have asked the Regeneration and Resources Scrutiny Sub-Committee to consider taking two items its October 2004 meeting. These items are:

1. The draft Statement of Community Involvement
2. The draft Local Development Scheme.

What are these items?

The Statement of Community Involvement is a consultation statement. It will set out standards to be achieved in involving the community in the preparation of local development documents and significant development control decisions. These planning documents will make up the Local Development Framework, which will eventually replace the UDP (in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004).

The Statement of Community Involvement is itself subject to public consultation and independent scrutiny as part of a programme to commence in 2005. This programme is set out in the Local Development Scheme which is, effectively, a timetable for the production of all planning documents that form part of the Local Development Framework.

Why consider these items?

By considering these items at the October 2004 meeting, the sub-committee will have the opportunity to influence the process of all future consultation for planning. The sub-committee's comments on the drafts will be taken into account prior to the items being considered at Executive (scheduled for October).

These items are within the sub-committee's remit, both because they relate to the development and review of the Southwark Plan (UDP), and because the sub-committee can consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options.

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