



LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 26TH JUNE 2002

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO PAPER ‘D’ WORK PROGRAMME

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Commission to the request from the Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Committee to establish a five member panel.

Request from the Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

2. The Committee at its meeting on 19th June considered its work programme for the next twelve months. The details of their deliberations, along with those of the other Scrutiny Committees will be reported to the next meeting of the Commission. However, the decision by the Committee to seek to establish a five member panel to consider in detail the emerging Household Waste Management Strategy and in particular issues relating to incineration of waste requires an early decision. The decision of the Committee to seek to establish a second five member panel to look at issues relating to traffic calming and road safety issues will be reported to the Commission at its next meeting.
3. The Household Waste Management Strategy is currently out for public consultation. The Strategy, together with the outcome of the consultation, will be reported to the next meeting of the Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Committee on 11th July. The Cabinet will wish to consider the outcome of the consultation together with any views emerging from scrutiny in late August or early September. The request from the Committee therefore has to be dealt with at this meeting.

Five Member Panel – Proposed Terms of Reference and Membership

4. The proposed terms of reference for the Panel are:-

'To assist and advise the Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Committee in formulating a response to the Cabinet on the emerging Household Waste Management Strategy and in particular the implications of any proposals to use incineration as a means of disposing household waste.'

5. If the request for a Panel is agreed the Group Whips will be consulted. The Constitution sets out the nomination process for Chairmanship of Review Panels. On this occasion the Chairmanship of the Panel is a matter for the Conservative Group.

Conclusion

6. The Commission is asked to:-
 - a) agree the need for and scope of the review panel as outlined and consider whether it has any further advice it wishes to offer the Panel;
 - b) note the appointment of the members to the Review Panel, if agreed, will be made through the political group processes.

Equal Opportunities Implications

None arising from this report.

Background Papers

Decision of the Highways, Transportation and Waste Management Scrutiny Committee on 19th June 2002

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