

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 6TH NOVEMBER, 2002

THE LEICESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to outline the comments of the five member panel on:
 - (a) the consultation draft of the Leicestershire Community Strategy;
 - (b) the process by which the Panel proposes to give further consideration to the Strategy following the current round of public consultation.

The Leicestershire Community Strategy

2. A copy of the consultation draft of the Leicestershire Community Strategy is attached at Appendix A to this report. The Strategy was considered by the Cabinet at the meeting on 24th September, 2002 when it was agreed that, subject to minor amendments being made, the draft Strategy be published for consultation.

Conclusions of the Panel

3. The Panel generally welcomed the Strategy and in particular the change to the Chapter headings. The detailed comments of the Panel on the Strategy are set out in Appendix B to this report and the Commission is asked to take these into consideration when it comments on the Strategy.
4. The Panel noted that the Strategy was being circulated to members of the public and other stakeholders for comment, the outcome of which will be available in mid-January. The Panel, therefore, proposes to meet again on 3rd February to consider the following:
 - a summary of the consultation responses;
 - any proposed changes to Sections 1 and 2 arising from the outcome of consultation;
 - the draft of the actions proposed for inclusion in Section 3;
 - the draft Vision Statement and introduction;
 - issues of presentation (if appropriate at this stage)

Equal Opportunities Implications

5.

Recommendations

6. The Commission is asked to:

- (a) note the comments of the Panel on the consultation draft of the community strategy and have regard to these in its response to the Cabinet;
- (b) note and endorse the Panel's proposed approach to further consideration of the Leicestershire Community Strategy following the outcome of the initial consultation.

Circulation under Sensitive Issues

7. The draft Strategy is being circulated to all members as part of the consultation process.

Background Papers

Draft Leicestershire Community Strategy (attached)

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