

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Select Committee No 1 – Townships**

26 July 2007

Present at the Meeting:

Councillor J Birch (Chair)
Councillor R Splaine

- .1 **Apologies for absence:** Councillors P.A. Tushingham, H.L. Cadman, B. Bourne, J. Hilton, S. Loudon
- .2 **Urgent business:** None
- .3 **Terms of reference:** Terms of reference were discussed and 3 key areas were highlighted:
 - What roles are envisaged for Community Involvement in the recent White Paper and Green Paper
 - What have been the barriers in the past to making this happen effectively
 - What do we need to do to enable this to happen effectively and to link into other developments such as PACTS

It was agreed that we would leave terms of reference as they are for now, extra background information was required and we would discuss and agree them at the next meeting. Sian Jay will develop some potential key issues and individuals, groups and organisations we may wish to interview.
- .4 **History of the Township programme and Community Involvement:** Simon Dale (Policy Officer) took us through a history of community involvement and the development of the township programme, including some recent evaluation work. Sian Jay supported Simon and helped us through a discussion on the main issues. Ian Harrison gave us an update on neighbourhood working including the development of word profiles and PACTS.
- .5 **Future of Community involvement:** We had a general discussion on how townships function at the moment, to changes that are happening now and planned for the future to help shape community involvement.
- .6 **Date and time of next meeting:** Tuesday 21 August 2007 6-8pm
Committee Room B