

**COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2006**

**MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL - RECOMMENDATION FROM
THE CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 8TH MARCH 2006**

Purpose of Report

To consider a recommendation from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee on a matter outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Would Councillors please note that the reports and related documents have not been included in the Council Book as they have already been sent to Members via the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee agenda. Copies have been included in the electronic circulation of the Council agenda and copies have been posted on the Council's website under "Know Your Councillor – Meetings Diary". Public inspection copies are available on request. (See front cover for contact details).

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL	JOINT CHAIRMEN
<u>RESPONDING TO GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES' CONSULTATION PAPERS</u>	<p>The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee considered a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, which detailed how Scrutiny could become more involved in consultations.</p> <p>There have been instances in the past where consultations have bypassed Council meetings due to the requirement to meet tight deadlines and the Council meeting cycle. It is, therefore, proposed that, in future, consultations are referred to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, or a relevant Policy and Scrutiny Panel, to make recommendations to the Cabinet and that the Cabinet is given authority to respond on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>This system was trialled successfully at the Housing, Health and Rural Affairs Policy and Scrutiny Panel, which considered the recent NHS consultation on the proposed restructure of Primary Care Trusts.</p> <p>Having discussed the issues surrounding the consultation process, the Committee made the following recommendation:</p>	Mike Oborski Ken Stokes

	<p>The Council is recommended:</p> <p>Authority be delegated to the Cabinet to respond to Consultation Papers following consideration of recommendations from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee or relevant Policy and Scrutiny Panel where appropriate.</p> <p>The report is at item 10 of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee agenda of 8th March 2006.</p>	
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