

Meeting:	Sustainable Development and Enterprise Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Date:	25 September 2006
Subject:	Challenge Panel - Tourism Review – Scope
Responsible Officer:	Paul Najsarek, Director, People Performance and Policy
Contact Officer:	Ed Hammond, Scrutiny Officer
Portfolio Holder:	Business Development
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part I

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

- 1) To agree the chairmanship of the challenge panel.
- 2) To agree the plan for the challenge panel as outlined in the report.
- 3) To agree that a short report be presented to the sub-committee in November on the panel's findings.

Reason for report

In March, the sub-committee's predecessor body, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee, endorsed the recommendations of a report into Tourism, and agreed that the matter be re-examined six months later to identify the progress of those recommendations. The challenge panel will fulfil this request.

Benefits

- 1) Allowing the sub-committee to follow up on recommendations made on topics within its terms of reference, thereby monitoring scrutiny's performance as well as the performance of other parts of the council.
- 2) Maintaining a watching brief over an area of continued policy development.

Cost of Proposals

There are no financial implications directly resulting from this report.

Risks

No risks have been identified.

Implications if recommendations rejected

Ongoing monitoring of recommendations previously made by scrutiny will be weakened.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

At their last meeting in March 2006, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee agreed the recommendations of the Review of Tourism, which were subsequently endorsed by Cabinet, and agreed that the issue should be re-examined six months later, to allow an assessment on the implementation of the recommendations to be made.

2.2 Plan for Challenge Panel

A detailed plan is available as Appendix 1. The challenge panel will be carried out over the course of October, and a short report will be presented to the sub-committee at their meeting in November. This will then end the sub-committee's monitoring of the recommendations, although any future consideration of tourism will naturally involve some reference to the work carried out by the review group.

Councillor Miles has been nominated as the chairman. The Sub-Committee are being asked to approve this appointment.

An executive summary of the review group's findings is attached at Appendix 2 for members' information.

2.3 Consultation

Members have been consulted on the scope as appropriate.

2.4 Financial Implications

This report is not seeking additional financial resources. Any expenses will be met from the agreed scrutiny budget for 2006/07, which is £340,400, of which £266,050 is paid in salaries and £74,350 is available for projects and other expenditure, but no call on this budget is expected to be required for the completion of the work outlined in the scope.

2.5 Legal Implications

The challenge panel is assisting with the exercise of the Council's power to promote or improve the economic well-being of its area under section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000

2.6 Equalities Impact

None specific to this report.

2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

None specific to this report.

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Appendix 1: Scope for Tourism Review Challenge Panel