

REFERRAL TO CABINET 5 JUNE 2008

FROM POLICY REVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 20 MAY 2008

1. REPORT ON THE IDEA PEER REVIEW

The Scrutiny Officer informed Members of the findings from the recent IDeA Peer Review in relation to Gedling Borough Council's Scrutiny function.

The findings from the IDeA included: -

- i. That Scrutiny develops its role in scrutinising relevant partners and partnership activities especially where there may be shared improvement targets.
- ii. That Scrutiny should be encouraged to look at the Council's overall performance at a more strategic level by scrutinising key plans and strategies etc.
- iii. That Scrutiny needs to increase its role in holding the executive to account.

After consideration it was: -

RESOLVED:

- i. That Members give consideration to initiating Policy Reviews around topics that include partnership-working arrangements between the Council and other relevant agencies.
- ii. In considering the future work programme of the Scrutiny Committees Members have regard to the recommendations of the peer review that:
 - (a) Members give consideration to undertaking Performance Monitoring scrutiny in relation to more strategic issues.
 - (b) Members give consideration to choosing Scrutiny topics that would provide an effective challenge to the Council's Executive.
- iii. To recommend to Cabinet that when reports are submitted to them by a Scrutiny Committee that formal feedback is given by the Cabinet and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s) provide a written consideration of the Scrutiny reports to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.