



Report to Cabinet

Subject: Scrutiny Reports:

- Covalent Performance review
- Gedling Carbon Footprint Policy review

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1. Purpose of the Report

To inform Cabinet members and relevant Portfolio Holders of the findings and recommendations of the Covalent and Gedling Carbon Footprint Scrutiny reviews.

2. Background

Members are reminded that part of the remit of Scrutiny is to deal with wider service or policy issues through the establishment of working groups, which take an in depth view of Council policies and plans as directed by the Overarching Scrutiny Committee, and make recommendations to Cabinet accordingly. In accordance with the Scrutiny Improvement Plan 2010, a review is commissioned when:

- There is added value that this work will bring to the core priorities of the Council
- It is likely to make a difference if a working group undertake this work
- It is likely to lead to improved performance
- It is likely that the working group's recommendations will improve the lives of the residents of Gedling Borough
- It will increase Member awareness of important issues

3. Proposals

Members are asked to consider the reports and recommendations of the above reviews, which have previously been reported to the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committees and approved by the Overarching Scrutiny Committee for referral to Cabinet.

4. Recommendations

That Cabinet review the recommendations made and the Portfolio Holders for Strategic Planning (Covalent review) and Safe and Sustainable Neighbourhoods (Carbon Footprint review) respond to the respective reports to the Overarching Scrutiny Committee.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1: Covalent report

Appendix 2: Gedling Carbon Footprint report

Please note that the individual appendices to the Covalent report are not included, however can be viewed on the Council website under Committee Agendas and Minutes/Performance Scrutiny Committee 29th November 2010.