

Report to: Scrutiny Management Panel.
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MONITORING THE OUTCOMES FROM SCRUTINY REVIEWS.

THE REVIEW OF THE ADEQUACY OF SEWERAGE AND WATER SUPPLY IN THE CITY.

1. Purpose.

This report provides an opportunity for the Panel to receive an update on the progress made with the recommendations arising from the review of The Adequacy of Sewerage and Water Supply in the City.

2. Recommendations.

The Panel is asked to consider whether it wishes to make any further comments regarding the progress made with the implementation of the recommendations arising from this review.

3. Background.

3.1 At its meeting on 12 July 2006, the Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel agreed that it would review on a rolling basis the progress made with implementing recommendations arising from completed scrutiny reviews. On 25 November 2008 the Council agreed that the Scrutiny Management Panel should continue this role under the new scrutiny arrangements.

3.2 The review of The Adequacy of Sewerage and Water Supply in the City was undertaken by Topic Panel B between 9 December 2006 and 4 May 2007.

3.3 At the Council meeting on the 20 December 2005 a Notice of Motion regarding the sewerage and water supply in the city was referred to the Policy and Review (Oversight) Panel for consideration.

3.4 At a meeting on 10 January 2006, the Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel requested a briefing from officers to assist it with setting the scope of this review. This presentation was made on 15 February and the Panel then requested a scoping document for its review of Adequacy of Sewerage and Water Supply Systems in the City.

3.5. The Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel agreed the scope of the review and allocated it to Topic Panel B at it's meeting on 12 July 2006.

3.6 At its meeting on 9 November 2006, Topic Panel B agreed the suggested work programme as set out in the scoping document along with the following objectives for the review process:

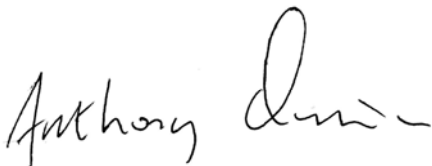
- To understand how water is supplied and wastewater dealt with in Portsmouth.
- To understand how future demand for water will be met.

- To understand the measures that are in place to prevent flooding and who has responsibility for these.
- To understand the role that the water companies play in the local and regional planning process and how this affects the City Council.
- To understand how the plans to increase the housing stock in the city will affect the present water infrastructure.
- To use the evidence obtained during the review process to recommend a clear way forward in the Council's policy on these matters.

3.7 The Panel heard evidence from key council officers and representatives from Portsmouth Water, Southern Water, the Environment Agency, South East England Regional Assembly, Ensign, Colas, the Executive Member for Environment & Transportation, Portsmouth Environmental Forum and Councillor Hugh Mason.

3.8 The Panel's principle recommendations are set out in appendix one along with the progress made to date on each one.

3.9 At its meeting on 9 July 2007, the Executive welcomed the Panel's report and endorsed the proposed actions against each of the Panel's recommendations set out in the officers' response report. The Executive also noted the responses from Southern Water and Portsmouth Water.



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