



AGENDA

For a meeting of the
ENGAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL
to be held on
THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2007
at
2.30 PM
in
WITHAM ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, ST. PETER'S HILL, GRANTHAM
Duncan Kerr, Chief Executive

Panel Members:	Councillor Robert Conboy, Councillor Mrs Joyce Gaffigan, Councillor Mano Nadarajah (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Norman Radley, Councillor Robert Murray Shorrocks, Councillor Michael Taylor (Chairman), Councillor Thomas John Webster and Councillor Avril Williams
Scrutiny Officer:	Paul Morrison 01476 406512 p.morrison@southkesteven.gov.uk

Members of the Panel are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed below.

1. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To receive comments or views from members of the public at the Panel's discretion.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Panel to be notified of any substitute members.

3. APOLOGIES

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.

5. ACTION NOTES

The notes of the meeting held on 11th January 2007 are attached for information.
(Attached)

6. UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7. FEEDBACK FROM THE EXECUTIVE

8. DIGITV

The Panel will receive a presentation on the DigiTV project and hear about an existing project run by Kirklees District Council.

9. CLOSURE OF POST OFFICE CARD ACCOUNTS

A briefing note on the closure of post office card accounts by the Scrutiny Officer is attached.
(Attached)

10. MONITORING OF TELEPHONE CALLS - RESPONSES

The Panel will scrutinise report number PME1 detailing the response times for answering telephones.
(Attached)

11. ROLE AND FUNCTION OF COUNCILLORS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The Panel will scrutinise the role and function of Councillors in the 21st Century.

12. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

13. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

(To follow)

14. WORK PROGRAMME

(Attached)

15. FINANCIAL REPORTS

(Attached)

16. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Representatives on outside bodies to give update reports.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASONS OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, DECIDES IS URGENT.

WORKING STYLE OF SCRUTINY

The Role Of Scrutiny

- To provide a “critical friend” challenge to the Executive as well as external authorities and agencies
- To reflect the voice and concerns of the public and its communities
- Scrutiny Members should take the lead and own the Scrutiny Process on behalf of the public
- Scrutiny should make an impact on the delivery of public services

Remember...

- Scrutiny should be member led
- Any conclusions must be backed up by evidence
- Meetings should adopt an inquisitorial rather than adversarial style of traditional local government committees