

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 23 JULY

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES
RE: BARWELL AND EARL SHILTON WORKING GROUP – TERMS OF
REFERENCE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request Members of the Scrutiny Commission to endorse the establishment of a Barwell and Earl Shilton Working Group.
- 1.2 To seek Members' approval of the Terms of Reference for the Barwell and Earl Shilton Working Group, outlined in Paragraph 4 to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members endorse the establishment of a Barwell and Earl Shilton Working Group.
- 2.2 That Members approve the Terms of Reference for the Barwell and Earl Shilton Working Group, outlined in Paragraph 4 to this report.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 Barwell and Earl Shilton have been identified as areas with the Borough where significant development will occur in the next few years. In particular:-
- the Earl Shilton Bypass is due for completion in late 2008;
 - a Sustainable Urban Extension of 2,500 homes is proposed to the west of Barwell;
 - A Sustainable Urban Extension of 2,000 homes is proposed to the south of Earl Shilton;
 - There are proposals for master planning exercises to be undertaken in respect of the town centres of both Barwell and Earl Shilton;
 - Parts of the both Barwell and Earl Shilton have been designated as Priority Neighbourhoods by the Local Strategic Partnership. Neighbourhood Action Teams have been established for both areas.

- 3.2 Local Ward Councillors have expressed concern that there is not a single forum at which the impact of all the proposed activities can be considered as a whole. It is therefore proposed to establish and Barwell and Earl Shilton working Group, which will be a sub-group of this Scrutiny Commission with the following Terms of Reference.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 4.1 It is suggested that the Working Group will have the following Terms of Reference:-

- a) The Barwell and Earl Shilton Working Group will be a sub-group of Scrutiny Commission and will present minutes of its meetings and appropriate reports on its work to the Scrutiny Commission.
- b) The Membership of the Barwell and Earl Shilton Working Group will comprise Local Ward Councillors for Barwell and Earl Shilton, the Chairperson of Barwell Parish Council and the Chairperson of Earl Shilton Town Council. It will be supported by appropriate Officers, as necessary.
- c) At its first meeting, the Working Group will elect a Chairman and produce a Programme of Work.
- d) The purpose of the Working Group will be to scrutinise the impact of the Earl Shilton Bypass, Sustainable Urban Extensions, master planning exercises and Neighbourhood Action Teams on Barwell and Earl Shilton and to make appropriate recommendations.
- e) The Barwell and Earl Shilton Working Group will report the findings of its work to the Scrutiny Commission.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None relating directly from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are none arising from the report.

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This report contributes to the Strategic Aims 'Proud of our Thriving Economy' and 'Proud of our Strong and Distinctive Communities'.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Initial discussions have taken place between the Chair of Scrutiny and the Director of Community and Planning Services.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None identified.

10. RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The work of the Group relates specifically to the areas of Barwell and Earl Shilton.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account

- Community Safety implications [Ron Grantham, ext 5832]
- Environmental implications [Jane Neachell, ext 5968]
- ICT implications [Paul Langham, ext 5995]
- Asset Management implications [Malcolm Evans, ext 5614]
- Human Resources implications [Julie Stay, ext 5688]

Background Papers: None

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