

NOTICE OF MEETING

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2005 at 19:00 HRS - .

MEMBERS: Councillors Bull (Chair), Bevan, Jean Brown, Davies, Dawson, Harris (Deputy Chair) and Winskill

Co-Optees: Sheila Berkery-Smith, Bill Aulsberry, Lance Haward, Indu Shukla and Christendai Bhagwandeem

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item below. New items of exempt business will be dealt with at item below).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest.

4. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 6)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on:

- i) 21 November 2005
- ii) 30 November 2005 – **to follow**

5. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Standing Orders.

6. EXECUTIVE MEMBER QUESTIONS (PAGES 7 - 8)

The Executive Member for Finance and the Executive Member for Community Involvement

7. BUDGET SCRUTINY COMMENTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE

(Report of the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee) – **To follow**

8. BERNIE GRANT CENTRE UPDATE

(Report of the Director of Finance) - To update Overview & Scrutiny members on the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the 2004 Regeneration and partnerships Scrutiny review of maximizing the regeneration benefits of the Bernie Grant Arts Centre

9. SUPPORT TO SMALL BUSINESS UPDATE (PAGES 9 - 48)

(Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Strategy) To update on progress made in the implementation of recommendations made in the scrutiny report on Maximising the Support to Small Businesses published in February 2004.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS SCRUTINY REVIEW (PAGES 49 - 70)

(Report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Review) – To agree the report outlining the conclusions and recommendations of the Review

11. SCRUTINY REVIEW PROCESS (PAGES 71 - 88)

(Report of the Chief Executive and Head of Legal Services) – To consider the procedure to be followed in the event of a dispute between the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and The Executive arising from a Scrutiny Review recommendation.

12. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MEMBER REQUESTS (PAGES 89 - 94)

13. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

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