

Scrutiny review of Mobile phone Masts*On 25 November 2005*

Report title:	Scrutiny Review of Mobile Phone masts
Report of:	Chair of Mobile Phone Masts Scrutiny Review Panel
Wards effected:	All
1. Purpose	To approve the scope and terms of reference for the Scrutiny review of Mobile phone masts.
2. Recommendations	2.1 That the Panel approve the proposed scope and terms of reference. 2.2 That the Panel note the proposed Membership of the review.
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3. Access to Information:

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 -Background Papers

Joint Report of Director of Environmental Services, Director of Housing, Overview and Scrutiny Manager and Health and Safety Manager to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 22 November 2004 on Mobile Phone Masts.

For access to the background papers or any further information please contact Carolyn Banks on 020 8489 2965

4 Background

On 22 November 2004 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a full report on mobile phone base stations (Attached as Appendix) One of the issues dealt with in this report was the suggestion that mobile phones and base stations could be hazardous to health. The Government have accepted full responsibility for dealing with health issues and have received advice from experts that base stations do not constitute a health risk. The Committee recommended that current planning consultation procedures should be reviewed and subsequently decided to make it the subject of a scrutiny review.

5. Membership of the Review

Cllr Gideon Bull (Chair)

Cllr Dhiren Basu

Cllr. Wayne Hoban

6. Aims of the Review

To ensure that the Council complied with Government guidance for consulting on planning applications for mobile phone base stations.

7. Terms of Reference

To review existing consultation processes for mobile phone base stations in Haringey to ensure they complied with the Government's planning policy guidance

8. Methodology

It is proposed that the review will be undertaken by:-

- Receiving a presentation from the Environment Service on the current consultation process

- looking at other council's consultation processes
- Writing to mobile phone operators to see if they have any views on this issue.

9. Key Stakeholders

Environmental Services
Executive Member for Environment and Conservation

10. Timescale

The timescale for this review will be extremely tight. It is therefore proposed to limit the review to a maximum of two meetings with the final report being presented to the Overview and Scrutiny review meeting in December 2005.

SCRUTINY REVIEW TIMETABLE	
Review Stage	Target Date
1. Define scope and aims of review - Send aims and scope to Directors of relevant department for comment	20 th October 2005
2. Review proposal submitted to OSC for approval	November/ December 2005
3. Issues paper to consider main aspects of the review	25 th November 2005
4. Scrutiny Review meeting to discuss conclusions	Early December 2005
5. Draft report and agree final version for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Committee	December 2005