
**Progress made against the Social and
Community Overview and Scrutiny
Committee work programme
Cheltenham Borough Council**

October 2004

Corporate priority we will increase the provision of affordable housing, particularly in the social rented sector, and work towards a balanced housing market

Our key corporate actions and milestones (as set out in the business plan)	What we need to do to deliver this action	Target completion date (unless otherwise stated)	Who will be responsible for this	Progress
we will work to reduce rough sleeping, homelessness and repeated homelessness by the provision of appropriate housing related support services via Supporting People	We will complete a review of the council's use of bed and breakfast accommodation	December 2004	Social and Community O+S	
	To review the provision of accommodation for older people's in the light of the supporting people initiative	Beginning January 2004	Social and Community O+S	In progress – report taken on 12 th January 2004 Visit to Extra Care Village – verbal update by Chairman to the Committee on 5 th July 2004.

Corporate priority: we will reduce crime and disorder and the fear of crime in our communities

Our key corporate actions and milestones (as set out in the business plan)	What we need to do to deliver this action	Target completion date (unless otherwise stated)	Who will be responsible for this	Progress
we will provide a high profile response service to tackling small scale problems; graffiti, fly-posting and fly-tipping in order that this does not manifest itself in wider-scale problems	To complete a review of our corporate enforcement activities in order that the authority can effectively respond to anti-social behaviour	December 2004	Social and Community O+S	Deferred to February 2005

Corporate priority: we will protect and improve the environment of Cheltenham and ensure the organisation becomes more sustainable
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Our medium term actions (as set out in the business plan)	What we need to do to deliver this action	Target completion date (unless otherwise stated)	Who will be responsible for this	Progress
we will work to reduce air, water and noise pollution and reduce the amount of contaminated land	To fulfill statutory enforcement role in respect of environment, food and health and safety legislation.	May 2005	Social and Community O & S with report (Health and safety service Plan) to Cabinet	
	To implement a contaminated land strategy that will prioritise the clean up of sites	March 2005	Social and Community O & S with report (Health and safety service plan) to Cabinet	

Corporate priority: we will re-dress the imbalances in our communities and build strong healthy geographical communities and communities of interest

Our medium term actions (as set out in the business plan)	What we need to do to deliver this action	Target completion date (unless otherwise stated)	Who will be responsible for this	Progress
we will empower our communities, community groups and the voluntary sector through a range of community capacity building activities including outreach and arts, sports and play activities and through our grant giving functions, member representation and through general support and advice	To oversee the introduction of an effective corporate annual review process and the formation of a corporate review panel which will be responsible for ensuring that the services provided by the voluntary sector organisations meet the obligations of their service level agreements	October 2004	Social and Community O+S	In progress: report taken to Social and Community O+S on 13 th September 2004
we will work with our partners to reduce health and learning inequalities faced by different groups and communities in Cheltenham	To carry out a review of how the council can support the Health Improvement Partnership in the delivery of Cheltenham's Health Improvement Plan	April 2005	Social and Community O+S	
we will work to develop a sense of community, where there is a sense of belonging for all communities and a reduction in inequalities and improve access to the town's facilities for groups such as young people, older people, people from black and minority ethnic communities and disabled people	To review the workings of our community forums; Disability Action Cheltenham, Pensioners Forum, MAD Young People's Council, and Cheltenham Minority Ethnic Forum	January 2005	Social and Community O+S,	
We will explore ways of encouraging citizenship and increasing voter turn out at elections	To agree how the Council can improve democratic accountability and voter turn out	March 2004	Social and Community with a report to Cabinet	In progress: update report made to Social and Community O & S on 13 th September

Corporate priority: we will enhance the town's reputation as a national and international cultural centre, promote a healthy and sustainable economy and provide opportunities to broaden and enrich sport, play and cultural experiences

Our medium term actions (as set out in the business plan)	What we need to do to deliver this action	Target completion date (unless otherwise stated)	Who will be responsible for this	Progress
we will provide a well-balanced programme of sports provision to attract and encourage broad participation in sporting and recreational activities	To review the findings from the best value review into sports and leisure activities	December 2004	Social and Community O+S Cabinet	Best value review suspended. Project group recently reconvened. Report to O & S scheduled Feb 05. Cabinet March 05
we will progress proposals for new arts and cultural facilities in the town we will look to improve the art gallery and museum and library facilities for the town in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council	To agree an arts development strategy	March 2004	Cabinet Social and Community O+S	Report to Social and Community O & S on 10 th May 2004 Agreed by Cabinet on 11 th May 2004
	To review the arts development strategy	March 2006	Social and Community O+S	
We will work with developers to increase access to leisure facilities for young people including the provision of skate parks in the town	To review the existing strategy for young people, the key challenges identified within the report and the council's priorities with regard to the future agenda for young people.	Beginning September 2004	Social and Community O+S	Deferred to February 2005

Additional topics added to the programme by the Committee during the course of the year

Action	Target completion date (unless otherwise stated)	Who will be responsible for this	Progress
NHS dentistry in Cheltenham	March 2004	County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Presentation by Caroline Fowles, Chief Executive of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury PCT
Report on Probity in Licensing	March 2004	Social and Community O+S Council	Report to Social and Community O & S Committee on 10 th May 2004
Sports Leisure Management Contract – performance and financial update	March 2004 and quarterly thereafter	Social and Community O+S	Report to Social and Community O & S Committee on 29 th March, 13 th September
To consider a report on the impact of the budget reduction on the homelessness service	July 2004	Social and Community O+S	Report to Social and Community O & S Committee on 5 th July 2004
To review how accessible the Council buildings are – a response to the Council's access review (DDA)	September 2004	Social and Community O+S	Report to Social and Community O & S Committee on 13 th September 2004
Out of Hours Provision	September 2004	County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Update from Councillor Margaret Ogden (Tewkesbury Borough Council) on the work on the County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group looking at new arrangements for contacting GP services outside normal surgery hours from 1 st December 2004
Alcohol Misuse Amongst Young People	September 2004	County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Social and Community O & S Committee endorsed the recommendations of the County Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13 th September 2004
Licensing Act 2003 – Draft Policy Statement	September 2004	Social and Community O+S Council	Report to Social and Community O & S Committee on 13 th September 2004
To review the provisions for tackling domestic violence in Cheltenham	November 2004	Social and Community O+S	
Public Art Policy	December 2004	Social and Community O & S Committee Cabinet	
To monitor the arts development strategy (ensure the Arts are affordable and accessible to all)	March 2005	Social and Community O+S	