



CHELTENHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee 8th June 2006

Reference from Cabinet – Extract of Draft Minute Single Regeneration Company Proposal Update (Agenda item 9b)

The Corporate Policy Manager provided the Cabinet with a brief summary of the report which had been circulated with the revised agenda and drew particular attention to a number of key issues.

The Deputy Internal Performance and Service Improvement wanted to see a full business case together with any risks associated with the proposed consolidation before any decision could be made.

The Deputy Finance and Economic Development was concerned that the council had pump-primed some significant funding into the regeneration companies with the view that they would become self-sustaining. He questioned that if there were now capacity and finance issues whether the regeneration companies were working properly. He asked that the matter be referred to the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further investigation before any decision was made.

The Corporate Policy Manager clarified that the financial vulnerabilities were in respect of two neighbourhood projects.

The Deputy Environment stressed the need for proposed structures to be grounded within their respective communities. He advised the Cabinet that he was an observer on the Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project.

The Leader applauded the principle of reducing duplication but stressed the importance of localism and indicated that he would be looking at this issue as part his portfolio.

The Cabinet noted the report and requested that the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny be invited to investigate further the proposal for a single regeneration company for Cheltenham.

Questions for the Committee

- 1) Does the Committee wish to accept the referral?
- 2) Does the Committee wish to deal with the issue by discussion at the next meeting?; or
- 3) Does the Committee wish to set up a small working group to look at the issue and bring a report back to the next meeting?