

COUNCIL: 25 JUNE 2003

Executive Report

Councillor Paul Bettison

Leader of the Council



Executive Meeting: 17 June

- Three Policy Framework items
- Homelessness Strategy and Revised Allocations Policy
 - important contribution to social cohesion work
 - concern about national allocations policy direction
- Brackenhale refurbishment/upgrade of sports facilities
- Garth Hill/Wick Hill Masterplan



Other Recent Developments

- Scrutiny Commission: Smartcard Review
 - supportive of future initiatives, particularly
 - school meals
 - concessionary fares
 - car parking
 - Contractor change saving around £0.2m/annum
 - future consultations planned



Recent Successes

- Audit of Services to Children in Need
 - response to Victoria Climbié Inquiry
 - Serving most children well/promising prospects for improvement
- Adult Services shortlisted (1 of 4) for Dept of Health/Community Care National Award
- SACRE Ofsted Inspection - support for RE in schools “good”
- HR Strategy highlighted in Audit Commission “Notable Practice database and LGC



Forward Look

- Town Centre progress and briefing: 16 July
- Review of Council Objectives
 - Executive Workshop: 15/16 June
 - review pressures and aspirations
 - revised Medium term Objectives: September/October
 - exciting and innovative programme to 2007



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