

**COUNCIL: 25 JUNE 2003**

**Executive Report**

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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

