



Walsall Council

**REPORT OF THE REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT,
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY AND
PERFORMANCE PANEL**

Agenda item 14

DATE: 22.3.06

REF: SB210206

TITLE OF THE MATTER CALLED-IN:

Community wardens service, post April 2006

DATE CONSIDERED BY CABINET:

8 February 2006

CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Councillor Melvin Pitt

DATE OF SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL MEETING:

20 February 2006

Grounds under which the matter was called in for scrutiny:

Concern at the lack of evaluation and consultation with public, police and wardens of consequences of providing a reduced service.

Record here the Scrutiny and Performance Panel's conclusions and proposals:

The Regeneration, Environment, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny and Performance Panel expressed their concerns at the lack of consultation with the public.

They were of the opinion that the decision would have benefited from an earlier consideration by the scrutiny panel in order that a series of possible exit strategies could have been debated and proposed before the finalisation of the Community Safety Warden scheme.

Record here the specific recommendations of the Scrutiny and Performance Panel:

That the Regeneration, Environment, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny and Performance Panel recommend that officers consult with partners, through the Safer Walsall Borough Partnership, regarding possible additional contributions to the Community Wardens Service and to report back to a further meeting of the above panel, following 3 March 2006 but before 21 March 2006, to discuss how the scheme can be funded in the transitional period before the implementation of the new Police Community Support Officer scheme.

Explain here how the proposals/recommendations of the Scrutiny and Performance Panel differ from those of Cabinet:

Regeneration Environment Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny and Performance Panel extends the resolution of Cabinet in that it seeks to address the transitional funding gap for the Community Wardens Service, whose funding via NRF ceases 31 March 2006, prior to the full implementation of the Police Community Safety Officers scheme.

This form provides an accurate record of the meeting of the above named Scrutiny and Performance Panel.

Chair of Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillor Ian Shires FPc Cert PFS

Signature:

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Date: 21 February 2006