

Bolton Council

Report to: Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee

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Report of: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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Report Title: **Monitoring of Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panel Decisions**

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(Non-Confidential) This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public.

Purpose:

The report advises upon the progress of decisions taken previously by this Scrutiny Committee.
The monitoring report will be a regular report to meetings of this Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to consider the reported action and progress of its past decisions.

Decision:

Background Doc(s):

Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting	Item and Decision	Action and Progress
03/12/07	<p><u>Monitoring of Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panel Decisions</u></p> <p>Resolved – (i) That an update concerning the licensing of stretched limousines be provided to the Committee.</p>	<p>The Group Manager (Licensing) reports: “Since the last update no limousines have been licensed in Bolton.</p> <p>We have identified six further potential operators who are still to be written to.</p> <p>We have received one letter back from the first batch of letters to inform us that the limousine hire business had not been successful and was no longer trading.</p> <p>To put our experience into context, we have contacted a number of neighbouring authorities to determine if they have licensed any stretched limousines. The results are as follows: Oldham, Sefton, Trafford, Blackpool, Rochdale, Stockport, Salford – None. Tameside, Wigan, Warrington, Blackburn – have licensed one vehicle each. Bury – has licensed two vehicles.”</p>
03/12/07	<p><u>Monitoring of Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panel Decisions</u></p> <p>With reference to the fitting of trackers on council vehicles, members questioned whether trackers were fitted to all vehicles, including those of Bolton at Home. The Committee was advised that the information would be provided to all members.</p>	<p>Environmental Services confirm that Bolton at Home vehicles are fitted with trackers as are Grounds Maintenance ride on grass cutting machines and various pieces of vulnerable plant equipment.</p>
03/12/07	<p><u>Identification of Issues for Scrutiny/ Annual Work Programme</u></p> <p>Members suggested that information be provided to the Committee on the council’s policy concerning the siting of mobile phone masts on council buildings</p>	

	<p>and land. Members referred to a motion on the topic carried at a meeting of the Council [minute 81, Notice of Motion under Standing Order No.4 – Cellular Telephone Base Stations, Aerials and Equipment on Land or Buildings owned by the Council, 15 February 2006].</p> <p>Resolved – (i) That a report be provided addressing the cellular telephone issues raised above.</p>	<p>See item 13.</p>
03/12/07	<p><u>Corporate Resources Department Performance Indicators – Quarter 2007/08</u></p> <p>Members questioned the likelihood of the council meeting its target of making fifty per cent of its buildings that were open to the public suitable for and accessible to disabled people by the end of the year. In response the Deputy Director, Corporate Resources, advised that the council was on course to meet this target by the end March 2008. The Committee was informed that a list of buildings currently compliant with the access requirements, together with a timetabled list of buildings planned to be compliant by March 2008, would be placed in the members' group rooms.</p> <p>Resolved – (i) That members be provided with information on council buildings open to the public and accessible to disabled people.</p>	<p>Relevant information has been placed in each of the members' group rooms.</p>