

SCRUTINY MATTERS AND REVIEWS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMISSION

25/08 - REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION OF ITEMS IN FUTURE WORK

PROGRAMME: Councillor Bob Nash raised the issues of the increasing number of cars for sale on the public highway, in particular on Trinity Road, Harrogate and also at locations in Ripon and also the use of banners for advertising on the front of buildings, particularly on hotels promoting Christmas parties etc as early as June. The Scrutiny Officer **agreed** to ask the relevant Council Departments for information on the issues and that the items be brought back to a future meeting of the Commission for consideration.

The Scrutiny Officer reported on a request by a member of public in relation to planning permission for particular unpopular developments in Knaresborough. He advised that part of the request referred to an individual planning application. He stated that Overview and Scrutiny could not consider individual applications but could review planning policy, procedures, etc and that any response must be carefully considered. He reminded the Commission that a review of the planning service had recently been undertaken and reported to the Commission and that this included reviewing the issues raised. He confirmed that this would be reported back to the Commission in the work programme for 2008/2009. The Scrutiny Officer stated that he had requested appropriate information from the Planning Section and it was **agreed** that he should respond, on behalf of the Commission, directly to the member of public.

The Scrutiny Officer also reported on a consultation draft of North Yorkshire and York's Healthy Weight, Active Lives Strategy and advised that he had received a letter from North Yorkshire and York PCT inviting the Commission to make a formal response to the document. The Scrutiny Officer advised that the Commission would need to request additional work from relevant Officers to enable a response to be given on behalf of the Council. He **agreed** to circulate the letter and the consultation proforma to Members and stated that the full document would be available on request. Members could then decide if they wanted to undertake work to respond to the consultation.

The Scrutiny Officer informed Members of a request from CE Electric UK to comment on its investment plan and proposed changes for the period 2010 to 2015. The Commission **agreed** that it had sufficient work ongoing at the present time and that it would not participate in the consultation.

(5.58 pm - 6.10 pm)