

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 7

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Report of the Winter Service Plan Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting: 21 June 2010
Report of: Director of Strategy and Governance
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The cross-party scrutiny panel on the Council's Winter Service Plan was established following the extensive disruption caused by the severe snow and ice over the 2009-2010 Christmas and New Year period. The Panel has reviewed how the council and other partners responded using the Winter Service Plan as a starting point.
- 1.2 The scrutiny panel's report is presented here for approval by the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That members:

- 2.1 Endorse the scrutiny panel's report.
- 2.2 Agree to refer the report recommendations to the council's Executive and to the appropriate partner organisations.
- 2.3 To add monitoring of outcomes of agreed recommendations, to the Committee's work plan.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Chaired by Councillor Warren Morgan the cross-party panel consisted of Councillors Tony Janio, Sven Rufus and David Watkins.
- 3.2 Unlike previous scrutiny panels this review was carried out at a single meeting after an extensive report and discussion undertaken at 8 February ECSOSC.
- 3.3 Invitations were issued to council officers and representatives of organisations throughout the city who had involvement or experience of the severe winter weather.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Officers have been consulted on the findings of the scrutiny review

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The financial implications of adopting the scrutiny panel's recommendations will be considered by the Council's Executive alongside the relevant budgets.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Committee has the necessary power to agree the panel's recommendations. It then falls to the Executive and other bodies to whom the recommendations are directed to decide what action, if any, to take in response.

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Recommendations in this report are in line with the Council's approaches to equalities and inclusion.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Recommendations in this report take into account sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified directly in relation to this report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The recommendations made in this report are in line with the council's priorities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Report of the Winter Service Plan Scrutiny Panel, Volume 1.

Background Documents:

1. The Panel report Volume 2 contains the evidence presented to the scrutiny Panel.

