

# Overview and Scrutiny

## Newsletter

### You had your say – the results are in!

We have just finished a consultation process with members of the public and council officers to find out what issues people would like Overview and Scrutiny to investigate over the coming year.

To gather people's views we asked people to complete a questionnaire, that was distributed using various methods:

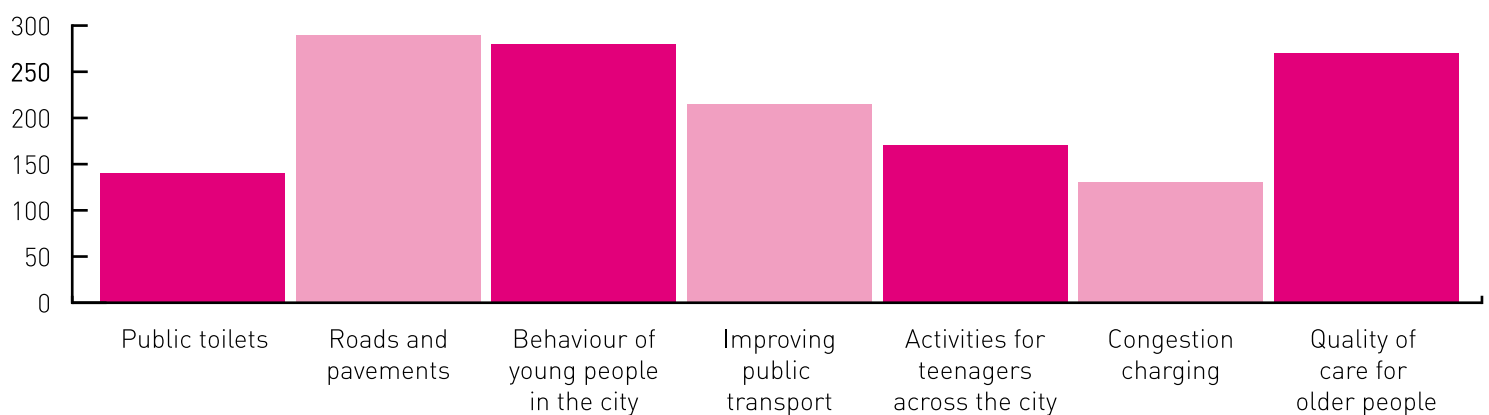
- **Questionnaires were posted on the council's website and intranet.**
- **Questionnaires were distributed to council reception areas, community committees, community centres and libraries**
- **Questions were asked in person at a range of local shopping centres and supermarkets (Salford, Swinton, Walkden) a coffee morning at Irlam Library and a stand at Narbonne Twinning Festival – Eccles**

Out of the 2000 forms we distributed, 263 forms were received back. Seven issues were highlighted and rated in the following order:

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### Number of responses from public consultation



Additionally a number of general comments were made which should help inform and shape the work programme for the coming year.

Scrutiny chairs will meet over the next month to consider the results of the consultation and agree on work to be carried out by Overview and Scrutiny. Details will be provided in the next newsletter, alternatively for further information contact **Jenna Lancaster** on **0161 793 3538** or email [jenna.lancaster@salford.gov.uk](mailto:jenna.lancaster@salford.gov.uk)



## Free wheels - want to cycle but no bike?

The Scrutiny Support team also look after the Salford Cycle Forum, which seeks to develop and improve facilities for cyclists. One recent initiative is the trial of the Salford bike loan scheme.

Salford City Council is operating a free cycle loan service for a trial period till the end of September 2007 at Clifton Country Park.

Members of the public can loan both children and adults' bikes and safety equipment for rides around Clifton Country Park free of charge (subject to availability and during the opening hours of the centre).

### How does it work?

Simply phone Clifton visitor's centre on **0161 793 4219** to book your bike for the following day. You will need two forms of identification verifying your address, one must contain a photograph, you could use your driver's licence and a utility bill.

Please note that everyone loaning a bike must be aged 16 or over or accompanied by parent/guardian.

For more information visit [www.salford.gov.uk/freewheels](http://www.salford.gov.uk/freewheels)

## Best wishes Russell Bernstein.

Russell, who was assistant director of Overview and Scrutiny, has been appointed to the newly created post of Deputy Chief Executive at the Greater Manchester Police Authority (GMPA), the governing body for Greater Manchester Police.

Russell officially left Overview and Scrutiny at the end of July. The team would like to wish him every success in his new post.

## Street Scene

The local authority definition of Street Scene is the environment that you see and experience when travelling along streets and public spaces.

Since April 2007 the Overview and Scrutiny team have been piloting a project with Worsley and Boothstown Community Committee.

The purpose of the pilot was to:-

- (a) Scrutinise the services being provided to Worsley, Boothstown and Ellenbrook wards in relation to street scene.**
- (b) Gather factual evidence about the level of problems in the area in relation to Street Scene, the process for dealing with referrals from members of the public, response times and to share key findings with the relevant lead members and directorates.**

The final report will be presented at the 26 September 2007 meeting of the Worsley & Boothstown Community Committee. After the meeting it will be available at [www.salford.gov.uk/scrutiny-downloads](http://www.salford.gov.uk/scrutiny-downloads) or by contacting the Overview and Scrutiny support team on **0161 793 3316**.

A second pilot will be started with the Irlam and Cadishead Community Committee from September 2007. If you live or work within this area we would be interested in hearing your views on the local Street Scene within Irlam and Cadishead. For further information please contact the Overview and Scrutiny Support team on **0161 793 3515/3538** or email [scrutiny.support@salford.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny.support@salford.gov.uk)



## Housing adaptations

The Community, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Environment, Housing and Planning Scrutiny Committee will be carrying out a joint piece of work to look at the major adaptations service.

Major adaptations to your home include such things as fitting a lift and converting rooms.

This service provides help with adaptations to both private and council homes within the city in order to allow individuals to continue living within their home.

An initial meeting will take place with officers to agree the areas of work that will be reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny. If you would like to be involved in this work or would like to discuss this further, then please contact **Linda Sharples** on **0161 793 3324** or email [linda.sharples@salford.gov.uk](mailto:linda.sharples@salford.gov.uk)

## Teenage pregnancy

Teenage pregnancy is a serious social problem. Having children at a young age can damage young women's health and well-being and severely limit their education and career prospects. While young people can be competent parents, evidence shows that children born to teenagers are much more likely to experience a range of negative outcomes in later life. In Salford, teenage pregnancy rates have been higher than those for the rest of England.

As a result the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee decided to look at teenage pregnancy in Salford and focused their work on the provision of sex and relationships education available to young people within Salford.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee gathered evidence from a range of officers, young people, schools and colleges and produced a report titled 'Teenage pregnancy in Salford'. This report contains 28 recommendations aimed at improving the provision of sex and relationship education for our young people.

The Salford City Council's cabinet are in the process of producing an action plan in response to the recommendations to ensure progress is made in this area.

A copy of the report is available from [www.salford.gov.uk/scrutiny-downloads](http://www.salford.gov.uk/scrutiny-downloads), alternatively you can contact the Overview and Scrutiny support team on **0161 793 3515/3538**.



## Nuclear free authority update

Overview and Scrutiny were asked to consider whether Salford City Council should join the affiliation of nuclear free authorities. The affiliation campaigns for a safe, sustainable and nuclear free future.

Members received a presentation from a representative of the nuclear power industry, a member of Greenpeace, and the nuclear free local authorities association. Members voted in favour of joining the nuclear free local authorities.

The recommendation was that membership of the affiliation of nuclear free authorities should be considered as an item within the budget for the next financial year 2008/09. This recommendation was agreed and accepted by the leader.

For further information please contact **Linda Sharples** on **0161 793 3324** or email [linda.sharples@salford.gov.uk](mailto:linda.sharples@salford.gov.uk)



## Fluoridation

Fluoridation is the act of adding fluoride to water to reduce tooth decay.

Work is being carried out at a North West regional level to consider the feasibility of water fluoridation. Members of the Community, Health and Social Care Scrutiny committee met on 23 May 2007 to consider evidence for and against water fluoridation and the context within which this is being considered.

Members have requested further information, in particular future reports on the outcome of the feasibility/cost benefit analysis work being conducted by the North West Fluoridation Evaluation Group, before they make any recommendations.

For further information please contact **Linda Shaples** on **0161 793 3324** or email [Linda.sharples@salford.gov.uk](mailto:Linda.sharples@salford.gov.uk)

## Public question time

All the monthly meetings of the six Overview and Scrutiny committees are held in public and you are welcome to attend as an observer.

In 2006 we introduced 'public question time'. At the start of each meeting there is a 15 minute public question time, where you are able to ask a question of the committee. It is helpful if possible to have advance notice of the questions.

Alternatively, if you are unable to attend the meeting, you can still submit a question and the chair will raise it on your behalf.

Scrutiny can't consider:

- **Individual complaints.**
- **Individual issues about members of staff.**
- **Planning and licensing matters.**

For further information, and to submit any questions, please contact the Overview and Scrutiny Support team on **0161 793 3515/3538** or email [scrutiny.support@salford.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny.support@salford.gov.uk).

Alternatively, you can write to  
**Overview and Scrutiny Support, Salford Civic Centre, Chorley Road, Swinton, Salford M27 5FJ.**

## Overview and Scrutiny

The role of Overview and Scrutiny is to look at the services and issues that affect the lives of people in Salford.

It's about listening to the concerns of local people and checking how the council and other organisations are performing and where necessary seeking improvement.

General enquiries can be emailed to [scrutiny.support@salford.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny.support@salford.gov.uk) or call **0161 793 3538 / 3515.**

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