

7 : REPORT OF THE CABINET – RESPONSES TO SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 At its meeting on 26 April 2001 the Council received reports from the Lifelong Learning, Personal Care, Partnership and Environment Select Committees.
- 2 The Council referred these reports to the Cabinet for further consideration and resource assessment, and subsequent report back to the Council.
- 3 The Cabinet has now considered these reports further in the light of detailed comments and recommendations from Cabinet Members, and made decisions on relevant matters. Copies of the original Select Committee reports, Cabinet Members' comments and the Cabinet's decisions are set out in an accompanying pack.
- 4 In the vast majority of cases the Cabinet has been pleased to accept the Select Committees' recommendations. In some instances alternative courses of action are being pursued (the reasons being set out in the Cabinet Member reports). In one or two cases the Cabinet Member is giving matters further consideration.
- 5 This first experience of interplay between the Select Committees and the Cabinet has been a very positive one, and I think demonstrable value has been added to the business of the Council.
- 6 The Cabinet has one recommendation to make to the Council. This arises from our consideration of the Environment Select Committee's proposals on the remit of Local Committees (its recommendations on other matters having already been accepted and followed-up). We discussed this issue at our meeting on 30 July, and agreed that these proposals could offer the opportunity for widening the brief of Local Committee's to include other services, but would recommend a further period of consolidation of the existing arrangements before changing their remit.

- 7 Consequently, we **recommend** to the Council **that the existing Constitution/Terms of Reference for Local Committees be retained with a review of arrangements in 12 months' time.**