

Extract (paragraphs 5 & 6) from the Leader's report to Cabinet on 30 July 2001

5. One outstanding issue that I am inviting the Cabinet to consider today concerns the Select Committee for the Environment's proposals for the future of Local Committees. The Committee's specific recommendations on short-term improvements are being followed up by the Area Co-ordinators, but there remains an issue of principle on which the Cabinet's advice is sought: whether the long-term aim should be to broaden the role and remit of local committees, and if so how this might be achieved.

6. If the Cabinet is minded to recommend to the Council that the scope of these committees is broadened, it could either commission some work itself and ask for a report from the Chief Officer on options, or it could ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake further work to develop such options.