BRIEFING PAPER
SCRUTINY REVIEW – AIRBOURNE

Members: Councillor Belsey
Councillor Slater

Lead Officer: Keith Morrison, Assistant Director – Economy, Tourism and Planning
Marie Thompson, Cultural Festival Co-Ordinator

Support: Katie Armstrong, Scrutiny Co-Ordinator

TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Councillors Belsey and Slater had met with the Assistant Director – Economy, Tourism and Planning, and the Events Officer to discuss the Airbourne Event held in Eastbourne.

Members agreed the questions submitted by The Assistant Director – Economy, Tourism and Planning and agreed to hold a forum inviting interested parties to attend and give their views. The forum was held on 26 January 2006. Following this meeting Members decided that as some of the invitees were unable to attend, that a second meeting would be needed in order to gather as much information as possible from various groups in support of and against Airbourne.

This second forum was held on 1 March 2006. Members also agreed to include response form on the Internet for members of the public to give their views, the form also included the opportunity for a member of public to attend the forum and give their views. There were over 200 responses received. Following these forums the Group meet and agreed that a synopsis of internet responses received would be needed and that Officers would need additional time to prepare the final report and recommendations for the outcome of the review.

TIMESCALE

The Task Group requests an extension for the submission of the final report, with the findings to be reported back to the Committee in September 2006.