

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY**

**1 AUGUST 2006**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY**

## **DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR MEMBER/OFFICER INVOLVEMENT IN SCRUTINY REVIEWS**

### **SUMMARY**

This report presents a draft protocol for Member/Officer involvement in scrutiny reviews.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Executive Scrutiny Committee comments on and approves the protocol for Member/Officer Involvement in Scrutiny Reviews.

### **DETAIL**

1. The Council has approved new scrutiny co-ordination arrangements on the basis of a more inclusive approach to policy development, which develops the links between the work of the Select Committees and the Cabinet decision-making role.
2. The purpose of the protocol is to clarify the involvement of Members and officers throughout the review process under the Council's new arrangements. The Executive Scrutiny Committee is asked to comment on the protocol.

### **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial or legal implications arising from the report.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The proposal is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

### **COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

Enhanced service delivery through the development of improved scrutiny arrangements.

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Background Papers

None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Not Ward Specific