

Outside Bodies Task and Finish Group

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 27 July 2010

Review of Outside Bodies

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Task and Finish group held its first meeting on 5 July, where members agreed the scope and project plan for the review. Members also received initial information on appointments to outside bodies and the information currently available for Members.

Members at the meeting agreed that the review will investigate:

- the processes for appointing to and the selection of outside bodies
- the processes of reporting back from outside bodies
- Members' participation in outside bodies.

The outcome of the review will be to ensure that the appointments made to outside bodies represent value for money and contribute to the both the Authority's priorities.

The Task and Finish group will consult with all Members via informal telephone interviews, Heads of Service, other Local Authorities, and the outside bodies that are currently appointed to.

The next meeting of the group will be 19 August and further evidence of current processes will be presented.

Timescales

It is planned to present the final report to Cabinet in October.