

Outside Bodies Task and Finish Group

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 19 October 2010

Review of Outside Bodies

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

The Task and Finish group consulted with Members, Heads of Service, other Local Authorities and the outside bodies that are currently appointed to and reviewed the responses received at the meetings held on 1 September and 30 September.

The appointment process has been reviewed and the group are looking at how to ensure the most appropriate Member is appointed to each body, and giving Members an opportunity to represent the Authority on bodies they have a keen interest in.

The responses from the consultation with Members and Outside Bodies found that feedback to the council is taking place via informal methods such as raising issues with Officers and including information in their newsletters. Members are exploring how these methods can be formalised to ensure that all those appointed to an Outside Body understand the routes which issues can be raised and/or resolved.

The group are also investigating the information stored on each body and considering how this can be made available for Members and officers to view.

Timescales

The Group will agree draft recommendations at their next meeting on 20 October, and will present these to Cabinet in December.