

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

22 NOVEMBER 2011

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR
OF LAW AND
DEMOCRACY**

**SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME – REFERRAL FROM CABINET –
MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

BACKGROUND

1. At their meeting held on 3 December 2011, Cabinet considered a report relating to the Council's membership of the Local Government Association (LGA). Members were reminded that the LGA lobbied and campaigned for changes in policy, legislation and funding on behalf its member Councils. Whilst the membership costs had reduced since 2006/7 they were £42,870 for the financial year 2011/12. Withdrawal from the annual subscription required a 12 month notice period. Cabinet was provided with background to the LGA and the benefits currently provided through the annual subscription.
2. To inform a decision about future membership, it was suggested that a Task and Finish Review, as part of the Scrutiny Work Programme, possibly through the Corporate, Adult Services and Social Inclusion Select Committee, consider the benefits, value for money, role and function of the LGA. In the meantime, Cabinet agreed that the Council issue a 12 month notice to the LGA to withdraw subscription.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Executive Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the request from Cabinet to include a Task and Finish review of the LGA benefits as part of the Scrutiny Work Programme.

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Background Papers: None
Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Not Ward Specific
Property Implications: None