

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY

8 MAY 2012

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LAW & DEMOCRACY

CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY – TASK & FINISH REVIEW

SUMMARY

Following notification that Cleveland Fire Authority (CFA) are considering alternative business models, including creating a Social Enterprise to deliver fire and rescue services on a commissioned basis, Executive Scrutiny Committee is asked to include a review of CFA's considerations on proposals and options in the 2012/13 Scrutiny Work Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Executive Scrutiny Committee is asked to include a review of CFA's consideration of alternative business models, including the creation a Social Enterprise, in the 2012/13 Scrutiny work programme and appoint Members to a Task and Finish Group to carry out the review.

DETAIL

1. SBC has been made aware that CFA, as part of meeting its budget requirements, is considering alternative delivery models, including potentially creating a Social Enterprise to deliver fire and rescue services on a commissioned basis. Whilst the Council are assured that the CFA will fully evaluate and address potential risks before making any decisions regarding delivery models, it is believed that an independent Task and Finish review of the options and proposals would benefit both the CFA in their decision making and the Council in it role of ensuring community safety.
2. Executive Scrutiny Committee is therefore asked to establish a Task and Finish Review of this issue in the work programme for 2012/13.

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