

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 MARCH 2016

SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY

1. To provide Executive Scrutiny with an update on the work of the Regional Joint Member Network, new guidance, and other events and relevant items.

DETAIL

NE Joint Member/Officer Scrutiny Network

2. The Network last met on 12 February and the draft minutes are attached at **Appendix 1**. All Members are reminded of this Network and the opportunity to attend on a quarterly basis.

New Guidance

3. The Centre for Public Scrutiny has published a guide to Social Return on Investment (**Appendix 2**). This provides help for scrutiny involvement in major changes and related issues. At Stockton there has been a strong history of such involvement, primarily through the EIT programme (for example, a number of review that looked at children's, youth, and adult services). The guidance is also relevant to the approach that could be taken for any scrutiny review or activity, with many of the suggestions in the guidance worth considering.

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