# REPORT FOR: PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 12 September 2012

Subject: Terms of reference

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**Member area:** 

Exempt: No

**Enclosures:** Appendix A – Proposed revised

Terms of Reference

# **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

#### **Recommendations:**

That the sub-committee:

- 1. agree the proposed revisions to the sub-committee's terms of reference as outlined in the appendix to the report;
- 2. recommend that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee refer the proposed revised terms of reference to the Constitution Review Working Group for consideration.



# **Section 2 - Report**

#### Introduction

At the last meeting, the sub-committee was requested to agree its terms of reference for the Municipal year.

Members noted that the Local Area Agreement now no longer exists and therefore proposed that reference to it be deleted or revised.

It is recommended that item 3 be amended to refer to the performance of the council's partners. This would mean that the sub-committee would not be constrained by any future changes to partnership arrangements or structures in undertaking scrutiny of local services.

This amendment is set out in Appendix A and is shown as a 'tracked change'. Some other minor typographical changes have also been included.

The sub-committee is therefore requested to agree the proposed amendments and to recommend that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee refer them to the Constitution Review Working Group for consideration.

#### **Financial Implications**

Amending the terms of reference of the report will ensure that the sub-committee is able to consider the performance of local partners.

#### **Performance Issues**

Amending the terms of reference of the report will ensure that the sub-committee is able to consider the performance of local partners.

### **Environmental Impact**

There are none specific to this report.

## **Risk Management Implications**

There are none specific to this report.

## **Corporate Priorities**

The work of the sub-committee addresses all of the Council's corporate priorities.

# **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not required for this report.

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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## **Background Papers:**

Minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 24 July 2012, available elsewhere on this agenda.