

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny
Date:	20 November 2007
Subject:	Accord MP review – scope
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting, Interim Divisional Director, Strategy and Improvement
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Paul Osborn, Strategy and Business Support
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Accord MP review scope

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the scope for the review of the first year's operation of the Accord MP partnership, being carried out by the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is requested to:

- 1) Agree the attached scope.
- 2) Agree that the review group will report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee after the final report has been considered by the Performance and Finance Sub-Committee at their meeting on 22 January. .

SECTION 2 - REPORT

Background

In July, the Performance and Finance Sub-Committee agreed that a review would be carried out into the council's ongoing relationship with its public realm infrastructure partner, Accord MP. The review was to be chaired by the Chairman of the Performance and Finance Sub-Committee, Cllr Mark Versallion.

Pursuant to the protocol for the operation of the scrutiny function, insofar as it had been developed at the time, it was agreed that the report would be commissioned by Overview and Scrutiny Committee but that it would report back to the Performance and Finance Committee.

This report sets out the scope, which has been finalised by the review group, for formal agreement.

Current situation

The review has now commenced, with preliminary work on the elements outlined in the scope already having been carried out. Substantive work will be carried out over the latter part of November and throughout December.

The report will be drafted and agreed over the Christmas and New Year period, and will be reported to the meeting of Performance and Finance on 22 January for final agreement, as agreed by P&F in July.

Subsequently, the report will be referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information at the next available meeting, and then referred to Cabinet for formal consideration.

Why a change is needed

Not applicable.

Main options

Members are being asked to agree the scope as attached. Although the committee may make amendments, members are reminded that the attached scope has been agreed by members of the review group.

Other options considered

None.

Recommendation: - that the scope be agreed as attached, and that the report be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information following consideration and endorsement at Performance and Finance Sub-Committee in January.

Considerations

Resources, costs and risks: none

Staffing/workforce: none

Equalities impact: none specific

Legal comments: none

Community safety: none

Financial Implications

None specific.

Performance Issues

None specific to this report.

Legal and financial implications

There are no legal or financial implications to this report.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Name: Sheela Thakrar	<input type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 8 November 2007.		
Name: Stephen Dorrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 6 November 2007.		

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers:

List scorecards considered

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES/ NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES / NO
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	