

**REPORT FOR: PERFORMANCE AND
FINANCE SCRUTINY
SUB-COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting:	19 July 2010
Subject:	Scrutiny and Performance
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director Partnership Development and Performance
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	All areas
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Scrutinising service and financial performance

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the role of the committee in undertaking performance and finance scrutiny.

Recommendations: That the sub committee

1. note the briefing on scrutiny and performance, and the working arrangements of the committee
2. agree that a tailored member development session for sub committee members and reserves take place in the Autumn
3. identify areas of focus for the Autumn member development session

Section 2 – Report

Introduction

This report outlines the important role played by the committee in undertaking performance and finance scrutiny.

The committee looks in detail at how the services that the council and its partners are providing to local people on a day-to-day basis are performing. It acts as the engine room for scrutiny, undertaking detailed performance investigation and escalating matters for further examination by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee where deemed necessary.

The sub-committee aims to:

- promote discussion and awareness of council performance and to make relevant recommendations
- monitor council performance and finance through analysis of data, and escalate the matter to the Overview and Scrutiny committee where further work is needed
- consider cross-cutting and thematic matters impacting on performance and on the potential for improvement.

The attached brief outlines the relationship between scrutiny and performance as well as outlining current working arrangements for the sub committee.

Scrutiny member development

As part of the scrutiny member development programme it is intended to offer members and reserve members of this sub committee further opportunities to receive training.

The programme is currently under development and proposals from members on the content of the programme are welcomed at this stage to ensure that it meets the requirements of the sub committee.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not required for this report.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None