

PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE – FUTURE OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

14 JULY 2010

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Committee to consider nominating a delegate(s) to attend a conference being organised by the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) on the Future of Overview and Scrutiny.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Handbook contains a protocol for use of the Scrutiny Committees budget by members to attend training and conferences relevant to the remit of the Committee.

3. Conference Details

- 3.1 An invitation has been received for a LGC Conference on the Future of Overview and Scrutiny which is being held on 5 October 2010 at the America Square Conference Centre, London.

- 3.2 The conference will focus on the following questions:-

- What are the challenges facing scrutiny and how can we prepare to overcome them;
- How can you best implement scrutiny to improve efficiency in your locality;
- How can scrutiny be used as an integral part of partnership working;
- In what ways can you engage with your community and involve them in your scrutiny process.

- 3.3 The cost of the conference is £349 plus VAT.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider whether to send representation to the above conference to be funded from the budget of the Scrutiny Committee.

5. Background Papers

Conference Flyer

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