

FEEDBACK FROM CONFERENCE – THE FUTURE OF SCRUTINY – TACKLING THE BIG ISSUES

LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME – POLICY REVIEW

Report of the Chief Executive

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP5: Safer City.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services; CIO4: Improving Partnership Working To Deliver 'One City'.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide feedback from the LGA Conference “The Future of Scrutiny – Tackling the Big Issues”.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 13 October 2009, the Committee agreed to send representatives to a national conference on the future of overview and scrutiny powers in relation to crime and disorder. The event took place on Friday 30 October 2009 at Local Government House in London. Councillor Ellen Ball and Councillor Rosalind Copeland were in attendance. Speakers included Dr Phyllis Starkey MP, Chair of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee.

- 2.2 The conference covered a range of issues including:-

- Understanding the big issues where Council's have new scrutiny powers;
- The role of councils in tackling crime and disorder;
- CAA Success – the role of scrutiny;
- What new powers and support are needed to promote effective scrutiny.

- 2.3 The conference raised a number of issues including:-

- Importance of building positive and constructive relationships with partners and build up the scrutiny process;
- Need to raise the profile of scrutiny;
- The importance of the policy review as part of the scrutiny process;
- The need to develop the role of scrutiny in the CAA process;
- The importance of the scrutiny community leadership role.

- 2.4 Councillor Ball and Councillor Copeland will be provide feedback on the issues raised during the Conference.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the feedback from the LGA Conference “The Future of Scrutiny – Tackling the Big Issues.

4. Background Papers

Conference Papers

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