

# **MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **CENTRE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR FEEDBACK – 1 DECEMBER 2009**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**17 DECEMBER 2009**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Members with verbal feedback from the Parliamentary Seminar held on 1 December 2009 attended by the Vice Chair of this Committee.

#### **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 (Protocol 5 refers). This allows Members to gain specialist knowledge and expertise within a particular area of scrutiny and is in addition to the list of standing conferences and corporate development programme. However on this occasion the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) offered one place per authority free of charge.
- 2.2 The delegation to the CfPS Parliamentary Seminar held on Tuesday 1 December 2009 at House of Commons included the Vice-Chair of the Management Scrutiny Committee who will provide verbal feedback at this meeting.

#### **3. Seminar Programme and Facilitator**

- 3.1 The programme for the one day seminar included:
  - (a) A presentation outlining the powers and work of Select Committees.
  - (b) The opportunity to present questions to the chair of a select committee.
  - (c) Time to practice questioning skills and techniques
  - (d) Time to share feedback and best practice with colleagues.
  - (e) An opportunity to observe a Select Committee in operation.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive verbal feedback from the conference delegates.

## 5. **Background Papers**

Seminar Programme.

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