

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW 2011/12: DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

**LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME: POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**1. Why has this report come to committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides Members of the committee with the final draft report from the evidence gathered in relation to this year's policy review on self regulation.
- 1.2 The review report presents in detail the evidence, research and conclusions drawn throughout the review process and recommendations arising from this evidence gathering. Members are asked to give consideration to the final report and the recommendations of the policy review.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At the meeting of Management Scrutiny Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, following discussions regarding the Work Programme, the Committee agreed to focus on the development of the Council's approach to self regulation and the role of the council's scrutiny function in supporting self regulation and improvement.
- 2.2 The review came at an important time in light of the changing government policy direction in relation to national inspection frameworks. The Committee used its skills and expertise to stimulate engagement and dialogue to develop themes presented during their evidence gathering procedures.

**3. The Draft Final Report**

- 3.1 The draft final report on demonstrating local accountability is attached as an appendix to this report and presents members with the facts and evidence that have been gathered throughout the review process. The evidence gathering was conducted through a series of interactive workshops, taking evidence from key officers.
- 3.2 The report is divided into a number of sections which provide the background information to the review, how the review was carried out and the findings and conclusions from the review process. The findings from the review reflect the following themes:
  - What is Self Regulation?
  - Self Regulation: An Approach
  - The LGA Seven Point Offer
  - The Sector Led Approach
  - Peer Challenge Process
  - The Knowledge Hub and LG Inform

- The Role of Scrutiny in Self Regulation.

3.3 Members are asked to read the report and comment on the content with particular reference to the recommendations arising from the evidence gathered and presented in the report. Members may wish to amend the report for purposes of accuracy, clarity or relevance to ensure the report is a true reflection of the work undertaken.

#### **4. Conclusion**

4.1 The Management Scrutiny Committee are presented with a final draft copy of the policy review document for comment and amendment with the aim of producing a final report for presentation and approval by Cabinet.

#### **5. Recommendation**

5.1 That the Management Scrutiny Committee provide comments on the final draft report and that any agreed amendments are made.

5.2 That consideration is given to the recommendations contained in the final draft report.

5.3 That the agreed final report is presented to the Cabinet for approval at its June 2012 meeting.

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