

**CENTRE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 For the Committee to receive feedback from the delegate who attended the Centre for Public Scrutiny's Parliamentary Seminar held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**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. Current Position**

- 3.1 The Parliamentary Seminars aim to give elected members the opportunity to learn about parliamentary scrutiny and discuss what local and national scrutiny can learn from each other. The Seminars provide the opportunity to hear from a chair of a select committee and put questions directly to them. Seminars also include a "Questioning and chairing skills session" which explore the skills needed to evaluate evidence, understand some issues faced in scrutiny, and practice the select committee style of questioning skills.
- 3.2 Councillor Mordey attended the seminar held on 24 January 2012 and will provide Members of the Management Scrutiny Committee meeting with a brief verbal feedback of the seminar attended.

**4. Recommendation**

That the Committee note the comments and feedback from Councillor Mordey on the content and value of the Seminars attended.

**5. Background Papers**

There were no background papers