

# **MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **ANNUAL SCRUTINY CONFERENCE 2010 – DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**29 APRIL 2010**

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

- 1.1 To seek the views of Members on the draft programme for the Annual Scrutiny Conference 2010 to be held on Thursday 20 May 2010, commencing at 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm at the Marriott Hotel, in Seaburn, Sunderland.

### **2. Background Information**

- 2.1 Building upon the success of previous years' Scrutiny Conferences, this event aims to support the Members of the Council's Scrutiny Committees in selecting their priorities and areas for review in the year ahead, and to contribute towards the compilation of the Annual Work Programmes.
- 2.2 Invitations have been sent to all Elected Members, the Executive Management Team, Heads of Service and external partners.

### **3. Draft Programme**

- 3.1 The Annual Scrutiny Conference 2010 is to be held on Thursday 20 May 2010, commencing at 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm at the Marriott Hotel, in Seaburn, Sunderland. The Draft Programme for the event is proposed:-

5.00pm	Arrival and Buffet
5.45pm	Welcome Address
5.50pm	Jessica Crowe, Executive Director of the Centre for Public Scrutiny
6.10pm	Charlotte Burnham, Head of Overview and Scrutiny (to include DVD demonstrating achievements made by each Scrutiny Committees in 2009/10)
6.30pm	Scrutiny Cafés - Interactive session to discuss

	potential issues for inclusion in the individual Scrutiny Committees Work Programmes for the year ahead
7.45pm	Closing Remarks and Networking Opportunity
9.00pm	Close

- 3.2 As outlined above, delegates will be given the opportunity to participate in interactive sessions themed around each Scrutiny Committee, known as Scrutiny Cafes, in replace of the breakout sessions which have been held in previous years. The Scrutiny Café sessions will allow delegates to discuss how the Scrutiny Function in Sunderland can contribute towards the city's improvement measures along with the opportunity to influence more than one of the Scrutiny Committees' Work Programmes.
- 3.5 The event will conclude with an opportunity for networking amongst Members, officers and partner organisations, all of whom will make a valued contribution to the scrutiny process over the forthcoming year.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are requested to:
- (a) Consider and comment upon the proposed draft programme; and
  - (b) Agree for the associated costs for the conference to be met from the Scrutiny Committees accumulated under spend.

#### **5. Background Papers**

- 5.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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