

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Questions to Area Committee

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Area Committee of the Questions to Area Committees received to date.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 the Area Committee approved the protocol to the Questions to Area Committees Scheme and that a pilot be undertaken for the next two Area Committee meetings in September and November 2009, with Councillors being encouraged to invite local people along to these meetings to ask strategic questions affecting the East Area as a whole.
- 2.2 At its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 the Area Committee agreed to extend the pilot scheme.
- 2.2 The Area Committee also agreed that after the pilot a review on how it was managed in terms of process and practicalities would be held, with the possibility of it being rolled out across the City in 2010.

3. Questions to Area Committee

- 3.1 Questions to the Area Committees have been received for the September and November 2009 and January 2010 meetings as follows:-

Coalfield Area Committee	-	0
East Area Committee	-	3
North Area Committee	-	0
Washington Area Committee	-	7
West Area Committee	-	1

- 3.2 At the time of writing this report questions have been raised in respect of the Area Committees for the March meeting as follows:-

East Area Committee	-	1
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- 3.3 The question submitted to the Committee is attached as **Annex 1**.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 That Members note the questions received and the response given by the Council.

**5. Background Papers**

Minutes of the meeting and report of the July meeting of the Area Committee.

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