COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 OCTOBER 2009

## **REQUEST TO ATTEND CONFERENCE**

LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME – POLICY REVIEW

**Report of the Chief Executive** 

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP5: Safer City.

# CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services; CIO4: Improving Partnership Working To Deliver 'One City'.

#### 1. Purpose

1.1 For the Committee to consider sending delegates to the LGA Conference entitled "The Future of Scrutiny – Tackling the Big Issues".

### 2. Background

- 2.1 An invitation has been received from the Local Government Association to attend a national conference on the future of overview and scrutiny powers in relation to crime and disorder. The event takes place on Friday 30 October 2009 at Local Government House in London.
- 2.2 The conference will include sessions on the following:-
  - Understanding the big issues where Council's have new scrutiny powers;
  - The role of councils in tackling crime and disorder;
  - □ CAA Success the role of scrutiny;
  - □ What new powers and support are needed to promote effective scrutiny.
- 2.3 The itinerary for the event will provide members with some useful information in relation to this years policy review which centres on anti social behaviour. The event also provides other useful information which will help increase the knowledge and expertise of members of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4 The cost of the event is £251 per delegate. It is suggested that the Committee consider sending up to three members to attend the event.

#### 3. Recommendation

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the attendance of members to the above Conference to be funded from the budget of the Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee.

### 4. Background Papers