

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP BOARD – 14th JANUARY 2010

ONE COUNCIL – PRIORITIES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SCRUTINY]

REPORT OF SCRUTINY MANAGER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree the Lead Scrutiny Members roles in relation to the Council's priority policy areas and identify implications of the recent restructure for Scrutiny.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members agree the role of the Lead Scrutiny Members in relation to the Council's priority policy areas;**
- 2.2 **Members identify implications for Scrutiny following the recent restructure of the Council**

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 SLB 3, SBL 4 – Scrutiny Leadership Board on Monday 5 January 2009

4. SCRUTINY AND COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 4.1 Under the Scrutiny Arrangements agreed by Scrutiny Leadership Board on the 5th January 2009 each of the Lead Scrutiny Members agreed to take a lead in the Community Priority assigned to them. Part of this responsibility included attending regular meetings with the Cabinet Member(s) within their area of responsibility to stay up to date with current issues, including discussion of upcoming decisions and the Forward Plan. It was agreed that the Scrutiny priorities would mirror the Council's Priorities as:

- Giving children and young people the best possible start in their lives
- Maintaining a high quality, attractive and sustainable environment
- Creating a safe, strong and cohesive community
- Promoting healthy communities and improving the quality of life of vulnerable and older people
- Strengthening the local economy and the skills of local people

- An efficient, effective and customer-focussed Council that delivers value-for-money for the community.
- 4.2 At the Cabinet meeting on the 8th December 2009 the following priority policy areas were agreed and Cabinet Members have taken a lead for each of these:
- Housing Regeneration and Prosperity
 - Children and young People
 - Active Lifestyles Leisure and Culture
 - Adult Care and Support
 - Environment and Rural Areas
 - Community Protection and Cohesion
 - Efficient and Community Focused Council
- 4.3 At the Scrutiny Assembly Meeting on the 30th November 2009 Members discussed the One Council, One Team, One Vision restructure with the Chief Executive. The notes of this meeting are attached as Appendix 1.
- 4.4 It is for Scrutiny Members to determine the structure and Scrutiny arrangements however it is important that Scrutiny can demonstrate how it contributes directly to the Council's priorities and the keeping in touch meetings between Lead Scrutiny Members and Cabinet Members are an important part ongoing dialogue between Scrutiny and the Executive. In order to facilitate this Scrutiny Leadership Board is asked to consider how the Lead Scrutiny Members relate to the agreed priority policy areas .Members may also wish to identify other issues that could be included in the Review of Scrutiny or brought to a future Scrutiny Leadership Board meeting.

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