

## **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**CABINET – 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2010**

### **REVIEW OF SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **REPORT OF HEAD OF GOVERNANCE**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the recommendations made by Professor Steve Leach in the Review of Scrutiny Arrangements. (Appendix 1)
- 1.2 To consult Cabinet on the recommendations and for these comments to inform the recommendations made by Scrutiny Leadership Board to Council Constitution Committee.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **Cabinet Members note and, if appropriate, comment for consideration by the Scrutiny Leadership Board, the proposals made by Professor Steve Leach.**

#### **3.0 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Scrutiny Leadership Board on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 agreed to commission an independent review of the Scrutiny arrangements. The report and recommendations from Professor Steve Leach is attached as Appendix 1.

#### **4.0 PROCESS TO AGREE CHANGES TO SCRUTINY STRUCTURE**

- 4.1 Scrutiny Assembly, Cabinet and CMT are being consulted on the recommendations made by Professor Steve Leach. Comments from these consultees will be taken to Scrutiny Leadership Board on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 which will make any recommendations to Council Constitution Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Any changes to the constitution recommended by Council Constitution Committee will go for approval to Full Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

## **5.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

- 5.1 As part of their work all Scrutiny Committees, Scrutiny Reviews and Special Interest Meetings consider the equality and diversity implications of the issue under consideration.

## **6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 6.1 This report does not have any direct environmental impact but Scrutiny will review the environmental implications of the issues under consideration.

## **7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Council has a duty to scrutinise its work and that of NHS and partner organisations and will have a responsibility to appoint a scrutiny officer by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

## **8.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 8.1 The proposal made by Professor Leach retains the link between Scrutiny and corporate priorities through the Lead Scrutiny Members.

## **9.0 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS**

- 9.1 The proposals from Professor Leach opens the opportunity for Scrutiny to become more involved in the development of Council policy. The Scrutiny Team will continue to support the Scrutiny arrangements agreed through this process.

## **10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report. Scrutiny arrangements will be supported by the Scrutiny budget.

## **11.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no ward implications resulting directly from this report.

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