

Protocol On Relations Between Overview and Scrutiny and the Executive

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Recommendation: that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Executive be asked to formally agree the protocol at Appendix "A" and request that Council at its meeting on 9 September 2008 adopt the protocol as part of the Council's constitution.

1. Background

The Committee will recall that at its informal meeting with the Executive on 23 June 2008 a draft Protocol on relations between Overview and Scrutiny and the Executive was considered.

Comments from that meeting have now been incorporated into the protocol and it is being submitted to this meeting and the Executive on 12 August 2008. If both bodies agree with the protocol full council will be asked to formally adopt it at its 9 September meeting.

The aim of the protocol is not intended to change the respective constitutional positions, roles or responsibilities of either Overview and Scrutiny Committees or the Executive. It is rather to clarify relationships between the two and help ensure the smooth conduct of Overview and Scrutiny business and encourage effective communication between Overview and Scrutiny and the Executive.

2. CONCLUSION

The Committee is invited to consider the protocol and confirm whether it is happy with the proposed wording.

List of Appendices

Appendix "A" – Protocol between the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny.

List of Background Documents:

None