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**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)**

**Date: 8 October 2013**

**Subject: Draft terms of reference – Scrutiny Board inquiry on Apprenticeships**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. The Board decided in June that it wishes to carry out an inquiry on jobs and skills this year. A working group meeting was held on 9 September to meet with representatives from City Development to scope the inquiry. Members of the working group identified apprenticeships as the focus for the inquiry.
2. Draft terms of reference for the inquiry are attached at Appendix 1 for the Board's approval. The inquiry itself is due to start at the Board's meeting in November.

**Views of the director and executive member**

3. The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules also require that, where a Scrutiny Board undertakes an Inquiry, the Scrutiny Board shall consult with any relevant Director and Executive Member on the terms of reference. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference.
4. Comments received on the draft terms of reference have been incorporated into the attached document.

**Recommendation**

5. The Board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry.

## **Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.