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

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

**Date: 21 January 2014**

**Subject: Scrutiny of Strategic Partnerships – Formal Response**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. Each Scrutiny Board receives regular reports on any recommendations from previous inquiries which have not been completed.
2. This allows the board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The board will then be able to take further action as appropriate.
3. A standard set of criteria has been produced, to enable the board to assess progress. These are presented in the form of a flow chart at Appendix 1. The questions should help to decide whether a recommendation has been completed, and if not whether further action is required.
4. Attached as Appendix 2 is a formal response to the two recommendations from the board's report on the Sustainable Economy and Culture Strategic Partnership Board, published in June 2013.
5. For each recommendation, a response is provided in the table accompanying the report. To assist board members, the Principal Scrutiny Adviser has proposed a draft status for each recommendation. The board is asked to confirm whether these assessments are appropriate, and to change them where they are not.
6. In deciding whether to undertake any further work, members will need to consider the balance of the board's work programme.

## **Next Steps**

7. The Board is scheduled to carry out annual “critical friend” challenge of the partnership at its meeting in March. This will provide a further opportunity to review progress against any outstanding recommendations.

## **Recommendations**

8. Members are asked to:
  - Agree those recommendations which no longer require monitoring;
  - Identify any recommendations where progress is unsatisfactory and determine the action the board wishes to take as a result.

## **Background documents<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.