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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board City Development

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Subject: Scrutiny Board City Development – Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
	Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council's change programme has established the posts of five Directors and two Assistant Chief Executives:
 - a) Children's Services incorporating the Local Area Agreement (LAA) theme of 'Children and Young people'
 - b) Adult Social Services incorporating the LAA theme of 'Healthier Communities and Older People'
 - c) Environment & Neighbourhoods incorporating the LAA theme of 'Safer and Stronger Communities'
 - d) City Development incorporating the LAA theme of 'Economic Development and the Environment'
 - e) Resources
 - f) Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Planning and Improvement)
 - g) Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)
- 1.2 This has necessitated the need to review Scrutiny Board arrangements.

2.0 Main Issues

2.1 Arising from a review of Scrutiny Board arrangements, Full Council on 24th May agreed the proposal to map Scrutiny Boards to *Director* portfolios, (with an Overview and Scrutiny Committee mapping on to the two Assistant Chief Executive portfolios).

Council also agreed the establishment of a Scrutiny Board to look specifically at leisure and cultural issues.

Scrutiny Boards Mapped to Director Portfolios

OFFICER	SCRUTINY BOARD
Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Assistant Chief Executive (policy Planning and Improvement), Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Plus co-ordinating/advisory role	
Director of Resources	Scrutiny Board (Resources)
Director of City Development	Scrutiny Board (City Development) Scrutiny Board (Culture & Leisure)
Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods	Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)
Director of Children's Services	Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)
Director of Adult Social Services	Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care)

- 2.2 This arrangement has coherent links with the Local Area Agreements and the White Paper's drive to encourage scrutiny to focus on more strategic issues.
- 2.3 The terms of reference for this Scrutiny Board as presented to full Council on 24th May are attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.4 A guide to the service areas for which the Director of City Development has responsibility for is set out in Appendix 2 and is included for Members reference purposes.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to note the arrangements for Scrutiny and this Board's terms of reference.