APPENDIX 2

Action Plan 2009/10

Progress

Implement the recommendations made following the audit by KPMG

These have been or will be achieved by the time of the publication on the 2009/10 Annual Report (See separate document).

Improve our methods of communicating with the public

External guidance notes and information leaflets have been revised and improved as has Scrutiny's profile on the Council's Internet. Some excellent examples of engaging with the public, particularly around Health issues, however more work needs to be done in ensuring the public voice is heard during Scrutiny reviews.

Identify opportunities for wider involvement of young people in the Scrutiny process

Progress has been slow due to the young people feeling their way with their own scrutiny arrangements and changing their structures. Following the recent Youth Council elections, it is hoped to kick start this again. In the meantime, we have continued to work with the young people on the 'Protecting our Environment' report. This has included the Executive Member attending the full Youth Council to discuss the scrutiny report. E&N Board have also sought to involve young people in their inquiry on recycling.

Young people scrutiny now identified as a specific role for the Scrutiny Advisor.

Improve how we scrutinise the budget

The introduction of quarterly financial health reports has kept Scrutiny of the budget high on Members' agenda. However, in line with most core cities, this continues to be a development area. Scrutiny Chairs have also identified this as a development need

Develop positive relationships with our statutory partners through the use of the agreed protocol

An area identified by Members for development. This will become increasingly important as 'Total Place' gathers momentum. A separate protocol is currently being developed with the Safer Leeds Partnership to reflect new statutory provisions for crime and disorder scrutiny and strengthen existing relationships.