



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Central & Corporate Functions)

Date: 29th March 2010

Subject: Inquiry into Consultant Engagement– Draft Report

Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Scrutiny Board (Central & Corporate Functions) agreed to carry out an inquiry into the use of consultants. This Inquiry has now concluded and the Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered.
- 1.2 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 14.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised".
- 1.3 The Director of Resources and the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) have been consulted. It has been confirmed that they do not need to add further comment or provide advice prior to the meeting of the Scrutiny Board.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is requested to:-
- (i) Agree the Board's final report and recommendations.
 - (ii) Request that a formal response to the recommendations is produced in line with normal procedures for scrutiny inquiry reports.

Background papers
None