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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Terms of Reference.

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 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 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 24<sup>th</sup> May will consider a proposal to map Scrutiny Boards to *Director* portfolios, (with an Overview and Scrutiny Committee mapping on to the two Assistant Chief Executive portfolios). Council will also consider the establishment of a Scrutiny Board to look specifically at leisure and cultural issues.

### Scrutiny Boards Mapped to Director Portfolios

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

2.2 This arrangement has coherent links with the LAA and the White Paper’s drive to encourage scrutiny to focus on more strategic issues.

2.3 The terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as presented to full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May are attached as Appendix 1

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Members are asked to note the arrangements for Scrutiny