



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Central & Corporate Functions)

Date: 6th October 2008

Subject: **SCRUTINY INQUIRY - PROCUREMENT, OUTSOURCING AND COMMISSIONING SERVICES – SESSION 1**

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Terms of reference for this Inquiry were agreed at the Board's July meeting. These are attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 At today's session Members will receive a paper from Wayne Baxter, Chief Procurement Officer (Appendix 2). This paper focuses on
- a) setting out some of the main principles and drivers that underpin decisions to seek alternatives to in-house service provision.
 - b) outlining the legal framework which applies to alternative means of service provision.
 - c) providing an overview and an update on the work currently being undertaken to develop a one-council approach to procurement and commissioning.
- 1.3 Board will have opportunity to make any further investigations and determine what further evidence it requires for the proceeding Inquiry sessions.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to;
- (i) Note the agreed terms of reference at Appendix 1
 - (ii) Receive the officer presentation
 - (iii) Discuss any subsequent issues

Background papers

None used