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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities)

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Subject: Sources of work and areas of priority for the Scrutiny Board

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#### Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To assist the Scrutiny Board in effectively managing its workload for the forthcoming municipal year, this report provides guidance on possible areas within the Environmental Services portfolio for the Board to consider in line with its terms of reference.

## 2 Main issues

- 2.1 At its June meeting the Scrutiny Board met with the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Regeneration to discuss possible areas for the Board to consider as part of its workload for this municipal year. However, consideration of possible areas for Scrutiny within the Environmental Services portfolio was deferred until July.
- 2.2 The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods will be attending today's meeting to discuss possible areas for Scrutiny within the Environmental Services portfolio. Unfortunately the Executive Board Member for Environmental Services is unable to attend today's meeting. In view of this, the Executive Board Member has provided a written summary of the key areas within his portfolio that Scrutiny may wish to consider this municipal year. This is set out in the attached letter.
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules require Scrutiny Boards, before deciding to undertake an inquiry, to consider the current workload of the Scrutiny Board and the available resources to carry out the work.

2.4 In line with its terms of reference, the Board is asked to identify any potential areas of Scrutiny within the Environmental Services portfolio to consider this municipal year.

### **3 Recommendations**

3.1 Members are requested to use the attached information and the discussion with those present at the meeting to

- (a) confirm the areas of Scrutiny within the Environmental Services portfolio for the Board to consider this forthcoming municipal year
- (b) authorise the Chair, in conjunction with officers, to draw up inquiry terms of reference for subsequent approval by the Scrutiny Board.

#### Background papers

None used