

SUMMARY OF ACTION IN RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Purpose

1. To note progress against recommendations made by the Committee.

Background

2. One of the key challenges set for the scrutiny process is to produce outcomes which make a difference and add value to the Council's work. Scrutiny is also an ongoing process and it is important that progress in response to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committees is monitored.
3. The major recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committees have on the whole been generated by Scrutiny Reviews. The Council's scrutiny process has always recognised the need for progress against these recommendations to be monitored.
4. The process was recently strengthened by formalising it with the following recommendations made as part of each review.
 - the Executive's response to the Review including an action plan reported to the first available meeting of the Committee after the Executive has approved its response.
 - a further report on progress in response to the Review then be made after six months with consideration then being given to the need for any further reports to be made.
5. However, monitoring of progress against other recommendations has not been formalised in the same way. In preparing for the current round of meetings some Chairmen requested a round up of all the recommendations made in addition to those made as part of scrutiny reviews. It seemed logical to apply this request to all of the Scrutiny Committees.
6. A list is attached which attempts to give effect to this request. The list does not include all the issues considered by the Committee. Nor does it include requests made by the Committee for reports which are covered as part of the compilation of the work programme. Rather the report seeks to summarise instances where the Committee has requested that specific action be taken and the response to that request.
7. This is the first time such a report has been produced. Subject to the views of the Committee on this approach it would be proposed that in future a report will appear on each quarterly meeting as an appendix to the Work Programme.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be noted subject to any comments Members wish to make.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified

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