

## **SCRUTINY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Report By: Director of Corporate and Customer Services**

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

1. To endorse the Scrutiny Improvement Plan.

### **Financial Implications**

2. Any financial implications will be met from within existing budgets.

### **Background**

3. In response to the comments made on the scrutiny function by a Peer Challenge team in Spring 2005 a Seminar was held in July 2005 involving the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Scrutiny Committees and Directors to look at how the scrutiny function in Herefordshire could be improved. An Improvement Plan was subsequently drawn up based on discussions at the seminar using the Centre for Public Scrutiny's self-evaluation framework.
4. A revised and updated draft Improvement Plan having regard to the Council's Corporate Assessment was presented to an informal meeting of Members of the Committee on 4th May, 2006 for discussion. A finalised Plan is appended for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the Scrutiny Improvement Plan be endorsed.**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None