

PART A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 3 March 2016
Report of: Committee and Scrutiny Officer
Title: Scrutiny Proposal – Review of the Neighbourhood Forums

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides the Scrutiny Committee with details of a suggestion for a Scrutiny Task Group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the scrutiny proposal, submitted by the Head of Democracy and Governance, attached at Appendix 1 and whether to establish a Task Group.

2.2 That, if the scrutiny suggestion is agreed, the Task Group commences in the new Municipal Year, 2016/17.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

3.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance has submitted a scrutiny proposal form requesting the review of Neighbourhood Forums including the funding criteria. The proposal is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 The Mayor has been in discussion with the Head of Democracy and Governance about the funding criteria for Neighbourhood Forums, which are an Executive function.

3.3 The current guidelines were agreed in 2011, with some amendments in 2014.

3.4 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the attached proposal and decide whether to establish a Task Group.

3.5 Following the Borough Elections on 5 May 2016, the Committee and Scrutiny Officer will email all non-Executive Councillors advising them of the proposed Task Group and asking them to inform her if they are

interested in taking part. The names will be presented to the first Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Municipal Year for approval.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 The Head of Finance comments that there are no additional budget implications contained in the attached proposals at this stage. Any changes to budgets as a result of the task group review would have to be implemented in accordance with the council's financial procedure rules.

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report.

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Proposal from the Head of Democracy and Governance

Background Papers

None

File Reference

None