

PART A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 20 June 2012
Report of: Committee and Scrutiny Officer
Title: The Way Ahead for Council Services Task Group
– Cabinet Response

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to approve the Task Group's minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2012, which are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 The Way Ahead for Council Services Task Group's report was submitted to Cabinet on 20 March 2012. The minutes of the Cabinet meeting are attached as Appendix 2 to this report. Members are asked to review the response and consider whether they require any further review of the recommendations at a later date.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 that the minutes of The Way Ahead for Council Services Task Group held on 9 February 2012 are submitted and signed.
- 2.2 that Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviews Cabinet's response and considers whether the recommendations need to be reviewed at a later date.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

3.1 Minutes

At the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 7 March 2012 Members discussed the Task Group's final report and the minutes of the Task Group's meeting

held on 9 February 2012. It was agreed that the Task Group's final report would be presented at Cabinet's March meeting. With regard to the minutes, however, Members felt that the draft minutes needed to be circulated to all Task Group Members for consultation.

3.2 The Committee and Scrutiny Support Officer forwarded her original draft of the minutes to all Task Group Members on 8 March 2012. Three Councillors responded that they were happy with this version of the minutes and that no changes were required.

3.3 Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to approve the minutes attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.4 Cabinet's response

Following approval by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 7 March 2012, the Task Group's final report was presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 20 March 2012.

3.5 Cabinet discussed the report and the extract of the minutes is attached as Appendix 2. Cabinet endorsed the Task Group's recommendations.

3.6 Following the recommendations it has been agreed to establish a permanent scrutiny panel to monitor outsourced services. A report is included elsewhere on this agenda.

3.7 Further to the third recommendation, a report has been included on this agenda asking Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the performance indicators it monitors quarterly.

3.8 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to review any of the recommendations and their outcomes at a later date.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 The Head of Strategic Finance comments that any financial implications arising from the recommendations of Cabinet and the Task Group can be accommodated within existing budgets..

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that there are no legal implications in this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Minutes of The Way Ahead for Council Services Task Group's meeting on 9 February 2012

Appendix 2 – Extract of the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 March 2012

Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If you wish to inspect or take copies of the background papers, please contact the officer named on the front page of the report.

Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 7 March 2012

Minutes of Cabinet dated 20 March 2012

File Reference

None