*PART A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 25 July 2012

Report of: Committee and Scrutiny Officer

Title: Previous Review Update: Neighbourhood Forums Task Group

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides an update on the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Forums Task Group in 2010/11.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 that Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the latest update and considers whether the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations have been met.

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3.0 **DETAILED PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 The Constitution Working Party, at its meeting on 25 June 2009, asked the Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee to review the system of Neighbourhood Forums that had been in operation since 2008.
- 3.2 Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Task Group, which held four meetings between December 2010 and February 2011.
- The Task Group presented its final report to Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 9 March 2011. The Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report and recommendations and asked for them to be forwarded to Policy Development Scrutiny Committee and then on to Constitution Working Party.

- 3.4 Policy Development Scrutiny Committee reviewed the report and endorsed its content.
- 3.5 Constitution Working Party reviewed the report and recommendations at its meeting on 30 March 2011. The Working Party commented on the recommendations and asked that the report was forwarded to Council.
- 3.6 Whilst preparing this report the Committee and Scrutiny Officer has discovered that the report and its recommendations were not forwarded to Council.
- 3.7 Officers have completed the latest update. There are three recommendations (8, 9 and 10) which are recommendations aimed at Members. The Scrutiny Committee is asked for any feedback it can provide for these recommendations.
- 3.8 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the latest update and consider if any further action needs to be taken.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Financial
- 4.1.1 Any financial implications in this report should be met from 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 – Neighbourhood Forums Task Group update

Background Papers

Neighbourhood Forum Task Group final report
Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee minutes 9 March 2011
Policy Development Scrutiny Committee minutes 15 March 2011
Constitution Working Party minutes 30 March 2011

File Reference

None