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DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

**29 January 2008**

Report of the Chair of the Commission

## **Proposed Scrutiny of the new Local Area Agreement**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Commission agrees to the training programme outlined in 2.3 and 2.4 below.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 At the Scrutiny Management Commission's (SMC) meeting on 18 September 2007 members agreed to engage in a collaborative project with Derby City Partnership (DCP) with the objective of determining how best the established principles of Overview and Scrutiny could be integrated into the working of the Partnership. A working group comprising Councillors Bayliss, Carr and Webb was appointed to take forward this initiative.
- 2.2 The ways in which the SMC could work with DCP partners was discussed at the first meeting of the working group which took place on 14 November 2007. At that meeting it was agreed that the Scrutiny Management Commission should initially concentrate on the performance of the new Local Area Agreement (LAA) and that as a first step the Commission should undertake risk based performance monitoring of some of the new LAA performance indicators.
- 2.3 This proposal has been discussed by the Council's Planning and Performance Manager and the Co-ordination Officer. The Performance Manager has advised that the new LAA will not be signed until June 2008 and it is therefore suggested that in the interim period the Commission could usefully inform itself of likely content of the LAA and of the indicators that it is proposed to include. If members agree the Commission could also undertake some structured training in risk based performance monitoring.
- 2.4 If members are in agreement it is proposed to arrange a short training programme in February and March 2008. This programme will cover the form and content of the new LAA and will advise on methods of risk based performance monitoring. Completion of this programme should

ensure that when the LAA is signed in June 2008 Commission members will have the skills and knowledge necessary to undertake effective risk based performance monitoring of the performance indicators that they select.

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## Appendix 1

### IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial

1. Any costs involved in providing the training will be contained within the Commission's research budget.

#### Legal

2. None arising from this report.

#### Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

#### Equalities impact

4. None arising from this report

#### Corporate Objectives

5. This report has the potential to link with the following Corporate Objectives,
  - Giving you excellent services and value for money