



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION 16 JUNE 2009

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

Scrutiny Structure for Effective Scrutiny of Partner Organisations

RECOMMENDATION

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| 1.1 | For members to indicate how they wish to work under the new scrutiny structure |
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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| 2.1 | The effectiveness of the scrutiny of local partnerships and the Council's LAA will be part of the Audit Commission's investigations when the new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) inspection regime for local authorities comes into effect. It is therefore important that Derby has a scrutiny structure that enables it to conduct effective scrutiny of its partners and of their delivery of LAA targets. |
| 2.2 | The 2007/08 Annual Report of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commission sets out a proposal that the Council should consider restructuring its scrutiny function in order to address the new duties and responsibilities contained in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. |
| 2.3 | SMC considered options for the new proposals on 29 September 2008, and the preferred option was approved by Full Council on 19 November 2008. |
| 2.4 | Appendix 2 shows the new structure and the closer linkage between the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions and the Derby City Partnership (DCP) Cities. |
| 2.5 | The Climate Change Commission has a link to all of the DCP cities and so could get involved with scrutiny of the different cities. Last year, the Commission agreed to use the overlap of membership on other commissions, who have more direct links to particular cities, to keep aware of any issues that arose which may be of interest to the |

Commission. The minute extract showing that decision is attached at Appendix 3.

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Background papers: Proposals for a Scrutiny Structure enable effective scrutiny of its Partner organisations by the City Council – report to SMC 29 September 2008

List of appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Implications
- Appendix 2 – New Scrutiny Structure
- Appendix 3 - Minute Extract – Climate Change Commission Meeting on 10 February 2009

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The new structure will have no significant financial implications

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. The new structure will have no significant personnel implications

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny is to the benefit of all people of Derby.

Corporate Objectives

5. This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate Objectives.

