

**To the Chair and Members of the
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2011/12

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Terms of Reference for the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that the Panel notes the Terms of Reference of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel as agreed by Annual Council on 20th May, 2011.

BACKGROUND

3. At the Annual Council meeting held on 20th May, 2011, Members approved the Terms of Reference for all Committees and Sub-Committees, including the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) and the Overview and Scrutiny Standing Panels for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.
4. A copy of the Terms of Reference that apply to the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel are attached at Appendix A.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

5. Whilst other arrangements for the discharge of functions would be possible and lawful, the Terms of Reference proposed represent a balance of responsibility which, it is suggested best meet the needs of the Council and the services affected.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

6. There are no identified risks associated this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 2000 requires local authorities operating executive arrangements to set up one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The power to incur expenditure on Overview and

Scrutiny exercises is further to Section 21 above and Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, in order to facilitate the delivery of service and the discharge of functions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

CONSULTATION

9. No specific consultation has been undertaken in producing this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Annual Council: Committees and Sub-Committees' Terms of Reference for 2011/12 – 20th May, 2011

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REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

This Panel is a Sub-Committee of the Council constituted under Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.

1. The Panel will conduct enquiries and investigations, in relation to those functions of the Council (and other matters of local interest), referred to them in the Annual Work Plan and any additional issues referred by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.
2. The work of the Panel will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution including the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and any Overview and Scrutiny protocols.
3. The Panel is empowered to establish ad hoc Working Groups from within its membership, to undertake project and policy development work, to meet the objectives and targets of its annual Work Plan.
4. The Panel will review and scrutinise relevant public bodies and partners in the Borough, including the Council's contribution and relationship with them and, where necessary, request them to address overview and scrutiny and local people about their activities and performance or particular decisions, initiatives or projects.