

# **Report to the Corporate Services Joint Scrutiny Committee**

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## **Role of the Scrutiny Committee**

### **Recommendations from the Strategic Management Board**

- (a) To adopt the terms of reference (attached).
- (b) To consider the suggested topics presented as themes for the Joint Scrutiny Committee.
- (c) To recommended to the inaugural Joint Scrutiny Committee that they consider their collective views and approach with regards to the potential tension between public scrutiny and an evidence base which may include commercially confidential material.

## **Introduction**

The governance of the Corporate Services Contract(s) provides a Joint Scrutiny Committee.

The remit of that Committee is set out in the Inter Authority Agreement and attached at Appendix A. The purpose of this report is to provide a suggested framework to the Committee as to where they could successfully act as a consultative body for the Strategic Management Board, in addition to their statutory role.

## **Suggested Themes**

- Finance
- Contract performance
- Governance & decision making including the Inter Authority Agreement
- Joint Client team – form and function
- Review of objectives (including the Communications Strategy)
- Marketing & Brand
- Risk Management

## **Public and Commercial sensitivity**

The Strategic Management Board and Joint Committee will regularly make decisions based on commercially sensitive information which will not be made available for public scrutiny, but will be available to the Joint Scrutiny Committee members.

Committee members could therefore find benefit in early discussion around the scope of commercially sensitive materials to establish an agreed remit for the work and research they will undertake.