

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

## **RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND TRANSPARENCY SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **Summary**

1. The implications of the recommendations presented to the Executive on 17<sup>th</sup> February (deferred from the Executive meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February) have been considered.
2. This report contains officer comments on the implications of the recommendations.

### **Background**

3. The Confidentiality and Transparency Scrutiny Panel final report was considered by the Executive on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006. The report contained a number of recommendations that did not have an appraisal of the implications of approving them.
4. The Executive resolved to refer the report to the Chief Executive with a request that officers evaluate the resource and policy implications of the recommendations prior to the report being returned for further consideration by the Executive.
5. There has been some delay in undertaking the appraisal by officers due to the significant number of recommendations proposed (48 in total), staffing issues within the scrutiny team and that a number of the proposals were under consideration as part of the review of the Council's Constitution and needed to be considered in the context of implementation of the new arrangements.

### **Implications of the Recommendations.**

6. These are set out in the annex attached to this report.

## **Consultation**

7. Officers in have been asked to consider the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel and submit their comments and observations.

## **Options**

8. Executive are asked to consider the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel having regard to the officer comments.

## **Analysis**

9. The analysis of the recommendations is set out in the annex attached.

## **Corporate Priorities**

10. The report puts forwards proposals to improve the Council's approach to Confidentiality and Transparency and, as such, promotes the Council's priority of improving leadership at all levels to provide clear, consistent direction to the organisation.

## **Implications**

11. The Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT, Property or other implications are set out in the Annex attached.

## **Risk Management**

12. There are no significant risk management issues in respect of the proposed recommendations.

## **Recommendations**

13. Members are asked to consider the recommendations in the report of the Confidentiality and Transparency Scrutiny Panel and have regard to the officer comments in the annex attached to this report.

Reason: To ensure members are able to fully assess the implications of the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations

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## Specialist Implications Officer(s)

Wards Affected:

All

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### Background Papers:

Final Report of the Confidentiality and Transparency Scrutiny Panel 17<sup>th</sup> February  
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### Annexes

Annex 1 – Officer comments on the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations