Agenda Item 5a



# **REGENERATION & CULTURE SCRUTINY PANEL**

## **DEPUTY MAYOR**

# BRIAN DINSDALE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To seek the views of the Executive on the Regeneration & Culture Scrutiny Panel's Final Report – Jobcentre Plus.

## **BACKGROUND AND EXTERNAL CONSULTATION**

- 2. The Regeneration & Culture Scrutiny Panel as part of the agreed scrutiny procedures had its final report on Jobcentre Plus approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board. Also as part of that process it has subsequently been submitted to the Corporate Management Team (CMT) for consideration together with the Service Response prepared by the Assistant Chief Executive, Regeneration. Both the Service Response (Appendix A) and the Panel's final report (Appendix B) are attached to this report.
- 3. CMT, on consideration of this matter, agreed to support the Service Response which was supportive of the Scrutiny Panel's report.
- 4. This is the first instance of the Executive commissioning scrutiny to undertake an investigation, initiated at the request of the Executive at its meeting on 16 December 2003. This was also a good illustration of how the Council scrutinised an outside agency.

#### **OPTION APPRAISAL/RISK ASSESSMENT**

5. Not relevant in this case

#### FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no direct financial or legal implications arising out of this report and the report is of interest to all members.

#### RECOMMENDATION

7. That the Executive are asked to approve the Service Response.

#### REASON

8. The recommendation is supported by the following reason:

The Executive need to take a decision on the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations in light of the Service Response and consideration of this matter by Corporate Management Team.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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