

AGENDA ITEM: 14

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

22nd SEPTEMBER 2009

AD HOC SCRUTINY PANEL TACKLING THE RECESSION LOCALLY

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To present to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board a proposal that the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel undertake a Scrutiny into the actions taken locally to tackle the recession.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the proposal for the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel to undertake a scrutiny into the actions taken and proposals to tackle the recession locally.

AD HOC PANEL'S INTENTION

- 3 **Tackling the recession.** Considered to be the worst recession in 60 years which has impacted on employment and new investment. The consequences of which are felt both nationally and locally and have required government intervention to assist recovery.
- 4 Over the past 12 months public, private and voluntary sectors have worked to tackle the affects of this recession. Regional Grand Committees are being held to concentrate on regional economy and recovery. The proposal is that the Ad Hoc panel's remit would be to assess the Councils Economic Strategy and both the actions taken to date and those intended which are aimed to

contribute towards local recovery. The panel would also look at the strategy's effectiveness and how it was shaped to address the issues locally as a consequence of this recession. The panel will also explore the Councils involvement with partners to assist in both limiting the impact locally and planning for recovery.

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CHAIR OF THE AD HOC SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

5 No background paper was used in the preparation of this report: -

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