

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

11 NOVEMBER 2014

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update the position following discussions at the previous Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) meeting in respect of the Elected Mayor's strategic priorities and direction of travel.

RECOMMENDATION

2. OSB is requested to determine how it wishes to proceed with examination of this scrutiny topic.

BACKGROUND

3. As Members are aware, each of the authority's Executive Members is invited to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Board on an annual basis to present an update in respect of their portfolio area. The Elected Mayor, Mr R Mallon was present at the 21 October 2014 meeting of OSB.
4. As part of the above update, and in the context of the pressures faced by the Council, the Mayor made reference to a number of future strategic priorities and a direction of travel that he has identified. As a result of discussions at the meeting, OSB agreed that these should be considered together as a possible scrutiny topic for investigation by the Board.
5. Members are now requested to consider this issue further and determine how it should be taken forward by OSB.

BACKGROUND AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

6. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
 - Agenda and papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 21 October 2014.

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