

AGENDA ITEM 7

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: **ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL ON PERFORMANCE**
Meeting: **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
Date: **8 AUGUST 2013**
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 13th June 2013, the committee discussed the potential to establish a standing scrutiny panel to consider service performance. This discussion had followed on from consideration of the same issue at the Scrutiny Workshop held on 16th May 2013.
- 1.2 In the course of both discussions, there was general agreement that there would be merit in preserving the elements of the Best Value Forum which Members value. In particular, there was support for the successor to the Best Value Forum being open to all Members of the Council and for it to be able to discuss issues outwith the formality of a public committee meeting. Within the Council's new decision making structure, these aims can be met by establishing a standing scrutiny panel to consider service performance. This proposal was agreed by the committee on 13th June. The proposal was in turn reported to the Council on 26th June.
- 1.3 In order to meet the terms of the standing orders, this committee would require to appoint a core membership of up to 5 Members (and a Convener for the Panel if the committee wishes to do so) and at the same time to agree that the Panel might be attended by all Members of the Council. It is suggested that the Panel should meet every 2 months and that the programme of meetings would be agreed with the Convener of the Panel or the core membership if no Convener is appointed by the committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that committee establishes a standing Scrutiny Panel on Performance to be known as the Performance Panel, appoints its core membership, including the Convener, and agrees that all Members may attend its meetings.**

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Chief Governance Officer
26th July 2013

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil