

## **S8. FEEDBACK FROM SCRUTINY WORKSHOP**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing feedback from the scrutiny workshop held on 16 May 2013 and proposing that a pilot scrutiny panel be established prior to approval of the scrutiny plan.

Discussion at the workshop had covered the broader role of scrutiny in the new decision making structure; the future role or replacement of the Best Value Forum, potential areas for scrutiny and the manner in which scrutiny would be carried out under the new structure. The report set out the main areas of discussion highlighting two key outcomes (1) that there was a consensus on the merits of establishing a standing scrutiny panel, of 5 members (but open to all members to attend) to scrutinise service performance and (2) that a pilot scrutiny panel should be established to undertake scrutiny of an agreed topic to allow roles and procedures to be developed and finalised in advance of the scrutiny plan being submitted to Council in September. There was a general agreement that a standing scrutiny panel would be established to scrutinise service performance.

The Committee considered the various proposed subject areas for scrutiny with a view to selecting one for the proposed pilot scrutiny panel and determined that a review of Citizens Advice Bureaux was the best fit.

### **Decision**

**The Committee agreed:-**

- 1) to recommend to Council that a pilot scrutiny panel is established to scrutinise Citizens Advice Bureaux; and**
- 2) to ask Council, on this occasion, to determine the composition of the panel.**