

S4. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

The Scrutiny Committee considered a report by the Chief Executive summarising the scrutiny arrangements under the new decision making structure and proposing that a workshop be as held the first stage in the development of the scrutiny plan.

In determining its decision making model, Council had agreed to form a scrutiny committee, its principal role being to establish, implement and oversee the Council's scrutiny plan. In carrying out this function, the Committee would, in turn, set up Scrutiny Panels to scrutinise specific subject areas identified in the plan. The Committee also has responsibility receiving "following the public pound" reports and scrutinising the performance of the local police and fire services and Falkirk Community Trust.

In order to develop a scrutiny plan for recommendation to Council, it was proposed that a workshop for members would be held before the Committee meeting in June from which it was suggested that a scrutiny topic could be identified for the purpose of carrying out a pilot scrutiny process over the summer recess.

Decision

That a workshop open to all members would be held prior to the next meeting of the Committee to consider potential areas for scrutiny.