

S5. FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND - REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services on the review of the scrutiny process agreed at the meeting of the Committee on 13 June 2013 (Paragraph S8 refers) and the options for scrutinising the Following the Public Pound arms-length and external organisations including voluntary and charitable organisations.

Fiona Campbell provided a general overview of the report which detailed the Council support to the organisations in their service provision, often in conjunction with other public organisations. The report confirmed the work in line with the Council's corporate priorities and the robust framework in place for providing and monitoring financial support. The annual financial support to the organisations from the Council currently totalled approximately £5.5m. This was coupled with non financial support including the provision of premises, equipment and employee time.

The report proposed that future reports would be presented by the service provided, with organisations and associated reports grouped under themes. This aimed to provide Members with further context by which to scrutinise each external organisation and its service delivery.

The Committee members confirmed the value of the reporting arrangements outlined within the report.

The Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement confirmed that a review of the scheduling arrangements would take place prior to meeting in August 2014 and at the request of members noted that the one officer from each organisation would be sufficient to attend.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the reports; and**
- (2) agreed the scheduling arrangements detailed in the Appendix to the report for May and June subject to a review taking place prior to subsequent meetings.**