S29. SCRUTINY PANEL – APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer which presented the scrutiny panel's recommendations in regard to elected member participation on outside organisations.

The committee discussed the panel's recommendations as set out in the report. Members highlighted the need for appropriate training and the impact of outside appointments on members' workloads.

The Convener suggested that consideration of the report be continued to the next meeting. He advised that the next meeting would not take place on the scheduled date in October and that a date later in the month would be arranged. Members advised that 31st October would be a suitable date. Members then discussed the frequency of scrutiny committee meetings. The committee discussed the benefits of moving to a six week cycle of meetings in order to better fulfil its scrutiny role. The committee agreed to recommend to Council that meetings of the committee take place on a six week cycle.

Decision

The committee agreed to continue consideration of the report to the next meeting to allow the panel to consider the report further.