S4. Rolling Action Log

A rolling action log detailing the status of actions which had yet to be completed was presented for consideration.

The convener highlighted that a number of reports which had been requested by the committee and which had been scheduled to be submitted to this meeting (items 439, 454, 455 and 456) had not been included on the agenda. The Head of Education explained the reason for the delay in each case. The convener responded that, at the least, the Rolling Action Log should have been updated to set out these reasons. Members of the committee stated that in their view a report when called for should be submitted within a reasonable timescale and by the expected date. The convener concurred and drew the committee's attention to the findings of the review of scrutiny which had been undertaken by the Chief Executive and a working group of members earlier in the year which had found that there was a perception culturally within the Council that scrutiny was seen as a lesser function. The lack of the expected reports, she considered, demonstrated this. The Chief Executive concurred and stated that he would ensure that the findings of the review, and the committee's views, were understood by all Directors.

Decision

The committee noted the Rolling Action Log and agreed to remove actions 411, 430 and 457 from the log.