

Report of the Convener of the Public Engagement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 29 September 2014

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SCRUTINY INQUIRY – FINAL REPORT

Purpose	To present the final report for the scrutiny inquiry into public engagement.
Content	The final report is attached which concludes the inquiry.
Councillors are being asked to	a) Agree the report for submission to Cabinet b) Identify any issues that might be emphasised as the report is presented to Cabinet c) Consider whether any issues arising merit inclusion in the future scrutiny work programme
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1. Details

1.1 The final report arising from the Scrutiny Panel's inquiry into how the Council can improve its engagement practices is presented to the Committee for agreement. The attached report presents the conclusions and recommendations arising from the inquiry and is structured in the following way:

- Foreword
- Inquiry Summary
- Aims of the Inquiry
- Evidence Considered
- Conclusions
- Recommendations
- Acknowledgements
- About the Public Engagement Inquiry Panel

1.2 The Scrutiny Programme Committee are asked to agree the report for submission to Cabinet. In considering the report the Committee should satisfy themselves that:

- Sufficient evidence has been gathered in order to address the question that the inquiry aimed to answer;
- The conclusions of the panel are supported by the evidence gathered by the Panel;
- The recommendations of the Panel follow from their conclusions and are reasonable, achievable and capable of being actioned and monitored.

If the Committee have any issues with regard to the content of the report, these will need to be referred back to the Panel for further consideration prior to the report being re-presented to the Committee.

- 1.3 In considering the report the Committee may wish to emphasise aspects of the Inquiry to Cabinet. Points of this type can be included on the covering report that goes to Cabinet and will be attributed to the Committee.

2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific legal implications at this stage.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to this report. Any potential implications will be outlined in the Cabinet response.

Background Papers: *see attached report*

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