

**COMMITTEE:**                    **SCRUTINY BOARD**

**DATE:**                            **30TH NOVEMBER 2004**

**SUBJECT:**                      **CFPS SELF EVALUATION FRAMEWORK**

**REPORT BY:**                  **DIRECTOR OF SCRUTINY**

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

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<b>EQUALITIES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**WARDS AFFECTED:**

**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of the Scrutiny Board about the self-evaluation framework produced by the Centre for Public Scrutiny.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. **Scrutiny Board is recommended to note the report and agree to a method of completing the evaluation.**

**REPORT**

3. Following two meetings of National Performance Indicators working group, and correspondence with numerous interested parties, the Centre for Public Scrutiny have developed a framework that can be used by Local Authorities to measure the Scrutiny's performance against a set of key questions, based on the four principles of good scrutiny.
  - Provide "critical friend" challenge
  - Reflect the voice and concerns of the public and its communities
  - Taking the lead and owning the Scrutiny process

- Making an impact on service delivery
4. The framework does not presuppose any current levels of achievement in Scrutiny and is designed to be applicable in all types of authorities, under any political management arrangements. Once completed, the framework will provide a clear picture of how scrutiny operates and produce an explicit set of priorities that can be used for improvement planning. A list of potential “performance indicators” is also provided for authorities to use as appropriate to local circumstances.
  5. At this stage of the project the Centre for Public Scrutiny are asking us to pilot the self-evaluation questionnaire. This will help them to fine-tune elements of the framework before wider release in the New Year.
  6. The Centre for Public Scrutiny require our completed evaluation form and any comments regarding the self-evaluation framework and performance indicators, by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

### **PROPOSAL/OPTIONS**

7. Options for the Board are:
  - 1) To complete the self-evaluation framework at the Scrutiny Board Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November
  - 2) For the Chair of the Scrutiny Board to work with the Director of Scrutiny to complete the self-evaluation framework
  - 3) To agree an alternative method of working.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There are no legal implications to this report and this has been agreed with the relevant solicitor in Legal Services on 15 November 2004.

### **APPENDIX**

Appendix A – Self-Evaluation Framework: for overview and scrutiny in local government (Centre for Public Scrutiny)

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

None