

## **SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2005**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### **SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL**

##### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to ask the Commission to consider the establishment of a Scrutiny Review Panel.

##### **Background**

2. At its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, the Scrutiny Reference Group considered a briefing paper from the Chief Executive concerning the operation of the Scrutiny process and how it might be improved. A report on this appears elsewhere on the agenda. That report also refers to the proposed relaxation of the current arrangements for the chairing of Panels and the application of the political balance rules.
3. The Reference Group was of the view that Review Panels are seen as a productive way forward for scrutiny and agreed to ask the Commission to consider the establishment of a Panel to consider Community Safety. No terms of reference have been set and if the Commission were to set up a Panel it is suggested that the first task of the Panel would be to determine the scope, how it would wish to undertake the task and a timetable and agree this with the Chairman and Spokesmen of the Commission.

##### **Recommendation**

4. The Commission is asked to consider the request of the Scrutiny Reference Group.

##### **Background Papers**

Notes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Reference Group held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2005.

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