

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 9 JUNE 2010****KEY OUTCOMES AND PROPOSED ACTION POINTS ARISING  
FROM THE WORKSHOP ON 11 MAY 2010****REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSIONERS****Purpose**

1. This report summarises the key issues arising from the scrutiny workshop held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Background**

2. The Commissioners were keen that the Deputy Commissioners and Chairmen and Deputy Chairman of Scrutiny Committees were given an early opportunity to reflect on the new structure and to assess its effectiveness. A half day workshop was arranged at which members were asked to address the following issues:-
  - “Overview and Scrutiny successfully holds the Executive to account.”
  - “Overview and Scrutiny monitors and challenges performance of all partners in the LAA.
  - “Overview and Scrutiny shapes and influences Council policy via Committees and Review Panels.”
  - “Overview and Scrutiny activities are focused and their purpose is clearly understood. Scrutiny resources are used effectively, particularly given the current financial climate.”
  - “The Overview and Scrutiny process is led and owned by members on behalf of the public.”
  - “Overview and Scrutiny has established a constructive, yet critical approach with external organisations to ensure the interests of Leicestershire’s people are reflected in their plans.”
3. The Commissioners met with scrutiny officers on 24<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the findings and agreed that the issues raised fell under 16 broad headings. These are set out in the attached Appendix which also provides comments and set out proposed action points in response thereto. The Commissioners also agreed that the Chairman of the Commission should discuss the findings with the Leader of the Council and, if possible, report the outcome at the Commission meeting.

### **Recommendations**

4. Members of the Commission are asked to consider and comment on the outcomes of the workshop and the proposed response thereto.

### **Resource Implications**

5. The proposed changes can be met from within existing resources.

### **Relevant Impact Assessments**

6. The changes proposed will result in scrutiny activity being outwardly focussed on issues of concern to the public and able to address, amongst other things, issues such as equalities, environmental issues and crime and disorder. The proposals in relation to performance management will require a greater degree of joint working and improved use of risk assessment.

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### **List of Appendices**

Appendix – Key Outcomes