

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 19 JANUARY 2011****REVIEW OF LOCALLY BASED VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Purpose of Report**

1. To present to Scrutiny Commission the independent consultant's report on the effectiveness of locally based voluntary and community sector (VCS) infrastructure services, currently provided under separate contracts by Voluntary Action LeicesterShire (VAL), 7 Community Hubs and 3 Local Resource Centres.

**Background**

2. The Scrutiny Commission meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 was informed that an external review had been commissioned to report on the performance and cost-effectiveness of locally based VCS infrastructure services and their readiness to respond to the new challenges posed by the Coalition Government's proposals for the "Big Society".

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3. The report, findings and recommendations of the external review, undertaken by Martin Honeywell, is attached as Appendix A. Mr Honeywell will be present at the meeting to introduce the report and answer any particular questions about the review.
4. Following the agreement reached by the voluntary sector in the December workshop VAL is now undertaking individual discussions with the Community Hubs and Local Resource Centres during January 2011 to agree revised local infrastructure delivery arrangements.
5. The recommendations in the report propose an independent Peer Review Body with the ability to agree local delivery arrangements should any of the parties be unable to agree suitable local delivery arrangements.
6. Members are asked to consider and comment on the outcome of the review.

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