

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY & AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 February 2013

UPDATE ON SCRUTINY AND AUDIT DEVELOPMENT DAY

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the recent Scrutiny and Audit Development day.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Scrutiny & Audit Committee note:-

- a) the areas of training provided
- b) that the detailed model and guidance on conducting scrutiny reviews will be developed for consideration by members at the next meeting of this committee
- c) Canvassing for areas of review will take place in the April/May period to allow agreement of review topics at the June meeting of this committee to allow reviews to commence after the council recess

2. INTRODUCTION

A Scrutiny and Audit development day took place on 30 January 2013 to which all members were invited. The purpose of the day was two-fold. The morning provided introductory training in the areas of corporate governance, risk management and internal audit and considered the background, development and monitoring of the council's local code of corporate governance. A copy of the local code is included at [Appendix I](#) for information.

The afternoon of the development day was devoted to considering scrutiny and, in particular, to considering how the committee would discharge their remit in relation to the commissioning and conduct of scrutiny reviews.

3. SCRUTINY REVIEWS

Group discussions in the afternoon session focussed on developing a model for scrutiny reviews in Angus. Feedback at the plenary session resulted in agreement of the core principles of a model which will be incorporated into a guidance document for consideration by this committee at their meeting of 4 April 2013.

A process for canvassing members and senior officers' suggestions for areas to be reviewed was also considered within the model and it is intended that canvassing will take place in the April/May period to allow consideration of the suggestions and assessment through a scoring model. The outcomes of this process will be considered by the Scrutiny and Audit committee at the June meeting where the final topics will be agreed to allow the reviews to commence after the council recess.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising directly from this report.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues contained in the report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

7. CONSULTATION

The Director of Corporate Services, Head of Law and Administration and Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Sections 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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