

ANNEXE 1

NEW POWERS FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – INTRODUCTION OF A PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH A COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Overview and Scrutiny Procedures Rules

8. Agenda Items

The Chairman or **any member of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee** shall be entitled to give notice to the Head of Democratic Services that he/she wishes an item relevant to the functions of the committee or sub-committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the committee. On receipt of such a request the proper officer will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda. This does not, however, give any rights to an individual member to commission reports.

If a Chairman, or any other member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee asks for an item to be included on an agenda, the item will be included as a heading only, and the committee then has to agree that they would like to see the item added to the work programme. Officers can then proceed with producing a detailed report on the issue for the next appropriate meeting of the Committee. (*These paragraphs have been reinstated*)

Any Councillor shall be entitled to give notice to the Head of Democratic and Legal Services of a Councillor Call for Action. The detailed procedures for this are set out in Annexe 1 to the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rules. The member raising the call for action will have the right to attend the meeting to explain their reasons for the call for action. That item will be the subject of an initial report, if accepted by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman..... (*paragraph 8 then continues unchanged*)