

Appendix B

To: Members of the Five Authorities
Chief Executives
Corporate Directors
Service Directors

6 January 2009

Dear All,

Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements in the New Council

You will be aware of the activities of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Transition Board, one of which is to make proposals for Overview and Scrutiny arrangements in the new Council.

I am pleased to say that at the Board meeting on 19 December 2008 approval was given to consult on draft proposals. These proposals follow the work of a consultant commissioned by the Board and the experience and input from leading scrutiny members and officers from the existing five councils.

I now attach the following papers from the Board meeting:

1. Executive Summary
2. Report by the Consultant
3. Report by the Scrutiny Manager WCC

I would be pleased to receive your views on the proposals (contained in paper 3) by Monday, 2 February. I will ask my officers to then summarise the responses for submission to the Board for consideration on 27 February after which I hope to be in a position to finalise the arrangements for presentation to the new Council in June.

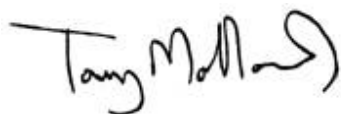
Can you please submit your views by return email to Marie Gondlach, Democratic Services WCC.

In the meantime should you require any points of clarification or wish to discuss the matter generally then please do not hesitate to contact any of the following who represent the Board:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Member(s)</u>	<u>Officer(s)</u>
Wiltshire County Council	Tony Molland (Chairman) Jeff Osborn (Vice Chairman) Ian West Chris Humphries Ricky Rogers	Paul Kelly
Kennet District Council	Jonathon Seed	Karen Scott
North Wiltshire District Council	Christine Reid	Marie Todd Julia Densham
West Wiltshire District Council	Keith Humphries	Paul Mountford Marie Lindsay
Salisbury District Council	Michael Hewitt	Paul Trenell

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Molland
Chairman
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Transition Board