

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
26 March 2009**

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Transition Board (realigned)

Revised Terms of Reference for Pre-election Period

- (1) To hold the Implementation Executive and its members and directors to public account for their decisions and actions during the pre-election period for the new council.
- (2) Where considered necessary to initiate reviews of the evidence and reasoning for any of these decisions, including seeking the attendance of relevant executive members and officers to respond to enquiries.
- (3) To consider requests from the Implementation Executive to assist in developing plans and policies for the new council.
- (4) To identify key issues of interest/risk within the services for closer scrutiny by members.
- (5) To appoint small task groups or individual members or hold rapid scrutiny exercises to undertake this work and to receive reports back on progress/outcome (if appropriate bearing in mind the short period involved)
- (6) To direct and co-ordinate scrutiny resources during this period.
- (7) To take lead responsibility for promoting the development of the overview and scrutiny arrangements for the new council.
- (8) To report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee as necessary.