

# CHESHIRE EAST

## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**Date of meeting:** 7 August 2008  
**Report of:** Governance Lead Officer  
**Title:** Scrutiny: Building the Framework

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### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To assist the Committee in giving further consideration to the development of the Council's scrutiny function.

### **2.0 Decision Required**

- 2.1 To indicate in principle how aspects of the framework for scrutiny should be developed, and to commission further work as appropriate.

### **3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs**

- 3.1 There are no implications for transition costs, except the provision of appropriate Member development in view of the new roles and responsibilities involved.

### **4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond**

- 4.1 To be considered as part of the overall support to be provided to the Scrutiny function.

### **5.0 Information**

- 5.1 At its first meeting, the Committee considered a paper on Key Issues for Scrutiny within the New Council. The paper posed a number of questions designed to assist the Committee in building a robust and responsive operational framework for Scrutiny within the Authority. The key points are set out in the Appendix. Some of these will have been discussed informally at the earlier Induction Event.
- 5.2 The Committee is invited to consider how it wishes to take these matters forward.

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***Background Documents:***

*Documents are available for inspection at:*

*Cheshire East Shadow Council Support Office  
Congleton Borough Council  
Westfield  
Middlewich Road  
Sandbach*

## **FRAMEWORK FOR SCRUTINY**

### **1. SCOPE**

**Internal:**     Holding the Executive to account  
                    Call In  
                    Performance Monitoring  
                    Policy Development  
                    Cross-Service Reviews  
                    Councillor Call for Action  
                    Local Petitions

**External:**    LAA  
                    Local Working  
                    Crime and Disorder Partnership  
                    (Health)

**Government and Community Expectations**

### **2. KEY OBJECTIVES**

**Eg:**    make a difference to people's lives  
          shift policy to improve services  
          save resources whilst retaining service quality  
          solve problems through a fresh independent look  
          articulate the concerns of local communities

### **3. RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

**Internal/External**  
**Who should do it?**

### **4. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

**Priorities: short-term/medium-term/Annual Plan**  
**Relationship with Advisory Panels**  
**Settling the Agenda: Mid-Point Meetings**  
**Lead Members**  
**Task/Finish Panels**  
**Procedural Rules and Protocols**

### **5. ASSESSING THE IMPACT**

**Link to Objectives**  
**Monitoring Recommendations**  
**Public Perception**