

4. **Scrutiny Working in Partnership Task and Finish Review Conclusions**

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Purpose of the Report

To present for consideration the recommendations of the Working In Partnership Task and Finish Review. The review was set up to establish if the proposal to work in partnership with East Devon District Council was a good proposal/the best option for South Somerset District Council and its community.

Action Required

That the Scrutiny Committee considers the findings of the group presented on 9th February 2010.

That the Scrutiny Committee endorses the findings and any recommendations of the Task and Finish review.

The Scrutiny Committee agree that the recommendations of the Task and Finish Review, as approved on 9th February, are put forward in a report for members to help inform the decision making process when the issue is determined at Full Council on 25th February.

Background

The task and finish review group was formed to review the proposals put forward in the Working in Partnership Report that was considered at Full Council 10th December 2009.

The members of the task and finish review group are Cllr. Rupert Cox (Chairman), Cllr. Angie Singleton, Cllr. John Calvert, Cllr. Sue Steele, Cllr. Jo Roundell Greene, Cllr. Martin Wale and Cllr. Derek Yeomans.

To date the group have met on 13th January 2010 and 21st January 2010 with a visit planned to East Devon for 2 members of the group on 1st February, a verbal update to Scrutiny Committee on 2nd February and a final meeting on 5th February.

Officers who have attended the group as at 29th January 2010 are Donna Parham – Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services), Ian Clarke – Assistant Director (Legal and Corporate Services), Gary Russ – Procurement and Risk Manager, Mike Holiday – Human Resource Manager and Jo Gale – Scrutiny Manager.

Supporting documentation has been provided by Phil Dolan (Chief Executive).

The Chairman (Cllr Rupert Cox) has also had conversations relating to the subject with both the Chief Executive and Leader.