

Scrutiny Committee – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012

## 11. **Joint Scrutiny of the Somerset Waste Board – Feedback from recent meeting**

### **Purpose of the Report**

To provide the Scrutiny Committee with feedback from the Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### **Action Required**

Scrutiny members are asked to note the minutes of the above meeting attached at Appendix B to this report.

### **Background**

In October 2011, the Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel to consider the work of the Somerset Waste Board. Current legislative constraints do not allow for a formal joint Scrutiny Committee to be established, so it was agreed that an informal Joint Scrutiny Panel should meet to consider the budget proposals of the SWB and at a later stage, performance against priorities as stated in the Somerset Waste Partnership's Business Plan.

An initial meeting of the Panel was held in December last year, when Scrutiny representatives from participating partner authorities discussed how the Joint Panel would work in practice. A copy of the notes from that meeting are attached at Appendix A to this report.

A further meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January for members to consider the Board's budget proposals for 2012/13 and priorities as stated in the Business Plan.

A copy of the notes from this meeting are attached at Appendix B to this report.

The Panel has agreed to hold a further meeting in October 2012 to enable them to consider progress made against the priorities as set out in the Business Plan.

### **Financial Implications**

South Somerset District Council's Scrutiny function will support any proposed Joint Scrutiny arrangements and Somerset County Council have agreed to provide meeting facilities. SSDC would wish to carry out the Scrutiny activity outlined in this report even if no joint scrutiny arrangements are put in place, therefore, supporting the proposals of this report would represent, little, if any additional commitment of Scrutiny resources.