

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title: Study in to the Joint Venture Agreement

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

This report presents the outcome of the Overview and Scrutiny Joint Venture Working Group's examination of the joint venture arrangements with Kier North Tyneside.

The Committee are asked to approve the attached report for submission to the Cabinet.

2. Details

In December 2010 a working group made up of members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Finance Sub-Committee, Organisational Effectiveness Sub-Committee and the Communities Sub-Committee was established to examine the effectiveness of the joint venture arrangements. The working group met during 2011 and following several meetings, site inspections, consultation with tenants and the receipt of relevant information from officers a report arising from the study is attached. The report sets out the working group's findings, conclusions and commentary on how well the joint venture agreement is delivering that which the Council intended and sets out a series of recommendations aimed at strengthening the joint venture arrangements, improving the quality of the service provided and enhancing value for money.

If approved, the report and recommendations will be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 March. The Cabinet will then be required to provide a response within 2 months indicating what action, if any, it proposes to take in relation to each recommendation.