

# Scrutiny Sub-Committee for Building a Strong Economy

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## Performance Management

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### Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

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#### Purpose of Report

1. To explain the way in which the Sub-Committee seeks to monitor performance in relation to issues within its jurisdiction.

#### Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees have an important role in the Council's overall arrangements for Performance Management. Regular reports on key performance issues are provided to the Sub-Committee to assist in this role.
3. All local authorities are required to publicly report their achievements in relation to a large number of performance indicators. These indicators are prescribed by the Government and are sometimes referred to as Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs). These indicators provide an opportunity to assess the Council's performance and some involve comparison of performance on a national basis. For the Economy, compared to other Sub-Committees, there are very few Performance Indicators and those which apply to the Economy are not particularly helpful to the Sub-Committee in its monitoring role. Local Performance Indicators are being developed under a pilot arrangement to try to assist in more meaningful performance assessment. The first process, however, will be to establish baseline information.
4. Each Scrutiny Sub-Committee receives a quarterly report about the relevant Performance Indicators for that Sub-Committee. This information is provided in a symbol form. The relevance of the symbols will be explained in more detail at the Sub-Committee meeting.
5. The attached report from the Head of Corporate Policy explains the relevant performance management information for the Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee. The main purpose of this item will be to provide an explanation about this information particularly for new Members and to give some guidance about those areas to which Members' attention should be drawn.

#### Recommendation

6. You are asked to note this information.

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