

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION**  
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**REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOUSING AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFITS  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN - REPORT FROM A WORKING GROUP OF THE ENVIRONMENT,  
CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

**(Working Group Lead Member)**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report asks the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to note its earlier adoption of the report of a working group of the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel relating to the Housing and Council Tax Benefit Improvement Plan. As the recommendations in the report apply to the Improvement Plan from April 2009, it was necessary to agree this report with Members of the Panel and the Commission separately, in advance of this meeting. The report was subsequently sent to the Executive member on 3 July 2009.

**2 SUGGESTED ACTION**

- 2.1 **To note the previously agreed report of the review of the Implementation of the Housing and Council Tax Benefit Improvement Plan undertaken by a working group of the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel.**

**3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The key objectives and activities of the working group of the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel are in the attached report.
- 3.2 The report was sent formally to the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing on 3 July. The Executive is due to consider its response to the report at its meeting on 15 September.

Background Papers

'Review of the Implementation of the Housing and Council Tax Benefit Improvement Plan' – report of the Overview and Scrutiny Working Group, June 2009.

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