

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION
28 OCTOBER 2010**

REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report presents the attached report summarising the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) work involving the Bracknell Forest Partnership in 2009-2010. That work has involved the O&S Commission, the Adult Social Care O&S Panel, the Environment, Culture and Communities O&S Panel, and the Children's Services and Learning O&S Panel.
- 1.2 The report is due to be considered by the Bracknell Forest Partnership O&S Group at its meeting on 22 October, and the outcome of that meeting will be reported orally to the O&S Commission.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

It is recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission that:

- 2.1 **The report is updated after the meeting with the Town Centre Partnership, expected on 28 October 2010 (paragraph 3.16).**
- 2.2 **The Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Group, having fulfilled its initial functions regrettably can no longer be supported unless and until new resources are made available. In future, the group should exist in a reference capacity only, meeting exceptionally if required. Similarly, the resource constraints mean that O&S reviews of partner organisations' activities should only be carried out when they form an integral part of an O&S review of the Council's own activities, or NHS services (paragraphs 4.20-4.21).**
- 2.3 **The approach to O&S of the Bracknell Forest Partnership should be reviewed in the light of the responses to this report's recommendations and in the event that: the powers or funding of the Bracknell Forest Partnership grow; or priorities change; or more resources become available (paragraph 5.14); or in two years' time at the latest.**
- 2.4 **That subject to any changes requested by the Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Group, the Overview and Scrutiny Commission adopts the attached report of the review of partnership scrutiny, for sending formally to the Leader of the Council and the Board of the Bracknell Forest Partnership.**

Background Papers

None.

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