Items agreed at the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Panel

AGREED: that the following wording be added to the constitution, that: "The Chairman should have experience and understanding of our Scrutiny System."

AGREED: that the constitution should not be altered but, with an emphasis on any training given to members on Overview and Scrutiny that it was not and should not be whipped.

AGREED:

- That the Leader should be called to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, twice a year at the most; firstly at the start of the year to present their Forward Plan and secondly after 6 months to update the Committee; These meetings to be opened to all members;
- 2) That at the start of the year the Leader shall indicate, if appropriate, that O&S look at any work that the Cabinet thinks needed to be investigated; and
- 3) That individual Portfolio Holders to attend the appropriate Standing Panel once a year; this meeting to be opened out to all members.

AGREED:

- 1) That the Forward Plan include other decisions other than just Key decisions;
- 2) That the Cabinet Review agenda item be placed earlier on O&S Agenda;
- 3) That members raise any items of business for future Cabinet meetings as raised in the Forward Plan; and
- 4) Members have the opportunity to ask Portfolio Holders questions on matters of concern.

AGREED:

- 1) That a rigorous use of the PICK work request form should be enforced, preferably through better training and/or by returning the form to members asking for more details; and
- 2) That a further report be submitted on Scrutiny follow up processes.

AGREED: The Panel agreed that the Constitution should be strengthened to say that Panel Chairmen are expected to attend the main O&S Committee to give progress reports on their Panel's work.