



City of Westminster

Committee Agenda

Title: **Westminster Scrutiny Commission**

Meeting Date: **Tuesday 18th November, 2014**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Rooms 3 & 4 - 17th Floor, City Hall**

Members: **Councillors:**

Ian Adams (Chairman)
Brian Connell
David Harvey
Tim Mitchell
Barrie Taylor

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AGENDA

PART 1 (IN PUBLIC)

1. MEMBERSHIP

To note any changes to the membership.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by Members and Officers of the existence and nature of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

3. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2014.

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4. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AND UPDATE FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Report of the Head of Cabinet Secretariat.

(Pages 7 - 12)

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FINANCE REFORM PAPER

Report of Scrutiny Manager.

(Pages 13 - 30)

6. EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY AND SCRUTINY

Report of the Scrutiny Manager.

(Pages 31 - 34)

7. WORK PROGRAMME

The next stage of the reorganisation of the Council's officer structure is now the subject of consultation. The Chief Executive suggests that a further meeting of the WSC be held in December to consider this and receive a presentation from him. The WSC is asked to consider if they wish to have an additional meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Peter Large
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
10 November 2014