



# Council Excellence Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, 4 July 2012</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall</b>

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## AGENDA

### 1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

Members are asked to consider whether they have personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state what they are.

Members are reminded that they should also declare, pursuant to paragraph 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, whether they are subject to a party whip in connection with any item(s) to be considered and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the whipping arrangement.

### 2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2012.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Committee is invited to appoint a Vice-Chair.

### 4. FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT (Pages 9 - 14)

### 5. REVENUES, INCOME AND BENEFITS (Pages 15 - 20)

### 6. BUDGET PROJECTIONS 2013/15 (Pages 21 - 26)

7. **WELFARE & DEBT ADVICE SERVICES (Pages 27 - 34)**
8. **BENEFITS ANNUAL REPORT**
9. **CUSTOMER SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 35 - 68)**
10. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12 (Pages 69 - 82)**
11. **REVIEW OF USE OF CONSULTANTS (Pages 83 - 94)**
12. **CORPORATE FIREWALL (Pages 95 - 98)**
13. **2011/12 YEAR END PERFORMANCE & FINANCIAL REVIEW (Pages 99 - 132)**
14. **MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) QUALIFICATION**

REPORT TO FOLLOW

15. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS - REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD (Pages 133 - 142)**

The Scrutiny Programme Board at its meeting on 28 February, 2012 (minute 33 refers) referred this report with the following resolution:

- “(1) The contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) That the report be referred to all five Overview and Scrutiny Committees for their consideration.”

16. **REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 143 - 160)**
17. **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period June to September 2012 has now been published on the Council's intranet/website and Members are invited to review the Plan prior to the meeting in order for the Council Excellence Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider, having regard to the work programme, whether scrutiny should take place of any items contained within the Plan and, if so, how it could be done within relevant timescales and resources.

18. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR (PART 1)**

**19. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The public may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

RECOMMENDED – That in accordance with section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The public interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

**20. EXEMPT APPENDIX - CORPORATE FIREWALL (Pages 161 - 162)**

Appendix 1 to agenda item 12, exempt by virtue of paragraph 3.

**21. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR (PART 2)**