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**OUTCOMES OF TASK AND FINISH GROUPS**  
**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY OFFICER**

**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 A report on the outcome of task and finish groups over the last four years.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the report.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 To enable the Committee to plan its work effectively.

**4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1 None.

**5. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS**

5.1 None.

**6. FORWARD PLAN**

6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

**7. TASK AND FINISH GROUP OUTCOMES**

7.1 A summary of the outcomes of task and finish groups since May 2011 is attached at Appendix A. This is a short report for the Committee's initial consideration. More detail can be provided by the Scrutiny Officer if needed both at the meeting and in future reports on this subject.

7.2 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on both the content and style of the report.

**8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 None.

**9. FINANCIAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None.

**10. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 None.

## **11. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 The Equality Act 2010 came into force on the 1 October 2010, a major piece of legislation. The Act also created a new Public Sector Equality Duty, which came into force on the 5 April 2011. There is a general duty, described below, that public bodies must meet, and this is underpinned by more specific duties which are designed to help meet them.
- 11.2 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of its functions: give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 11.3 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

## **12. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 There are no social value implications arising from this report.

## **13. APPENDICES**

- 13.1 Appendix A – Summary of Outcome of Task and Finish Groups

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## **15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 15.1 None.