

ANNEX TO ITEM 9
GRANT AID COMMITTEE
30 NOVEMBER 1999

SCRUTINY COMMISSION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

To examine the performance of the Council as a whole and also in partnership with other organisations and any service of the Council for the purpose of scrutinising the effect of Council policies and initiatives, but not so as to examine the actions of officers or the individual decisions in relation to those services.

In pursuance of the above, to invite information and opinion from external sources, and to receive the same from Members and officers.

To monitor the quality of the services provided by the Council in accordance with the Council's Quality Framework and Best Value.

To be responsible for the format, scrutiny and publication of statutory performance indicators.

To develop and scrutinise a programme of improvements to the quality of Council services including contracted services, the adoption and achievement of quality standards, and the establishment of benchmarking for services.

To make recommendations on all these matters to other Committees, as appropriate.

To consider and make recommendations on the Council's Performance Plan.

To summon any officer or any Chair, Vice-Chair or Spokespersons to answer questions on a particular issue.

To invite external organisations to be represented at meetings of the Committee to comment and answer questions on a particular issue.