

## **SCRUTINY CONSULTATION**

09/09 - **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION:** The Scrutiny Officer gave a verbal update on the roles and responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, following the amalgamation of the previous three Commissions into one. He explained that the Performance and Governance Panels would remain unchanged, with the Commission acting as their 'parent body'. Under new legislation, the Commission could be required to consider Councillor Calls for Action (CCFA) and a separate Panel would be set up to consider these if and when required. The new legislation would enable the Commission to scrutinise partner organisations such as the Police, Fire Service and PCT and hold them to account for their actions, and also introduced an additional requirement that the Commission deal with crime and disorder and community safety issues at least annually. It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the Commission to be held on 20 July 2009 would be the first meeting held to consider crime and disorder and community safety issues. The Scrutiny Officer explained that guidance on the crime and disorder/community safety function of scrutiny advocated the co-option of a police authority representative to join in the consideration of these issues but it was **agreed** that it would be more appropriate for a representative to be invited to attend meetings as an expert witness when required.

(6.09 pm - 6.17 pm)