

10/09 - **COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION:** The Scrutiny Officer circulated a draft process for dealing with possible Councillor Calls for Action (CCFA) together with a draft CCFA checklist which had been designed to assist individual Councillors in identifying methods that could be used to resolve issues and should these fail, how best to gather the necessary evidence that would be required for the Commission to consider the issue, as a last resort, in the form of a CCFA. It was commented by Members that members of the public approaching their local Councillor with an issue which the Councillor believed could be dealt with as a CCFA, should be informed that the process would be lengthy and may not result in the outcome that they were hoping for. It would be for the Members of the CCFA Panel to agree the resolution of an issue taking into account the views of other organisations involved with it. The Scrutiny Officer reported that the main benefit of a CCFA that was considered by the Panel would be that particularly difficult issues would be considered where all other means of resolution had failed. It would require those organisations involved to participate, something that may not have been achieved previously even at the request of the Council. Any outcome achieved would therefore be with the benefit of participation by all organisations concerned and Overview and Scrutiny would be the only forum that could facilitate this.

The Scrutiny Officer informed the Commission that an informal briefing on CCFA, where practical examples would be considered, would be held for Members in due course.

(6.17 pm - 6.37 pm)