

Report to: **Audit, Best Value & Community Services Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **12 March 2014**
By: **Chief Operating Officer**
Title of report: **Update on the Agile Working Reference Group**
Purpose of report: **To update the Committee on the Agile Working Reference Group**

The Committee is recommended to:

**1) consider the work of the Agile Working Reference Group; and
2) agree that the Agile Working Reference Group should continue to meet at key stages during the Agile Programme.**

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 No costs arise from the recommendations of this report.

2. Introduction/Background

2.1 During a tour of the new model agile office in December 2013, several Members of the Audit, Best Value & Community Services Scrutiny Committee were given the opportunity to comment on the latest programme status report of the Agile Working Programme.

2.2 The Agile Working Programme will take several years to complete. Consequently, Members agreed that the best way to provide effective scrutiny of the Programme would be to establish a members' reference group to meet at key stages during its rollout to comment on:

- the latest programme status report; and
- briefings on key documents such as business cases and benefit realisation plans (when relevant).

2.3 The Agile Working Reference Group comprises Councillors Mike Blanch (Chair), John Barnes, Laurence Keeley, Bob Standley and Francis Whetstone.

2.4 The Reference Group met on 25 February 2014 to comment on the most recent programme status report. The Reference Group noted the report and agreed to meet again in April 2014.

2.5 This report provides the opportunity for the Agile Working Reference Group to update the Committee orally on its work so far.

3. Next steps

3.1 The Agile Working Reference Group is due to meet again in April 2014 and will meet at future dates as necessary.

3.2 The Agile Working Reference Group will continue to update the Audit, Best Value & Community Services Scrutiny Committee.

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