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Name of meeting: Annual Council

Date: 26 May 2010

Title of report: Revised Area Governance Arrangements

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes, affects all Wards
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Not applicable
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Cabinet member portfolio	Corporate (Councillor Mehboob Khan)

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: No

Public or private: Public

1. Purpose of report

To consider options for the future of area governance.

2. Key points

The need to review current arrangements, taking into consideration other structures, possible duplication of activity and the issue of value for money.

The attached report has been referred from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee which considered it at a meeting on 14 May 2010 and acknowledged the need for a fresh approach to the provision of area governance but accepted that more detailed work needs to be done to inform how this could be achieved.

The Minutes of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee meeting are attached for reference.

3. Implications for the Council

Possible changes to current activities within an overall framework.

4. Consultees and their opinions

Corporate Governance and Audit Committee; Leading Members of Political Groups.

5. Next steps

To be determined by Annual Council.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

To consider and determine arrangements for area governance and the next steps.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

That the report be considered by Annual Council.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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Background papers: Report to, and Minutes of, Corporate Governance and Audit Committee of 14 May 2010.