

item 11(i)

The report of the
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Chairman

Cllr Barry Ogilvie Earp

An interim report between meetings

On the 2nd November 2006, I attended, with Cllr Trevor Allison, the Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Network Meeting at Blackburn, organised by North West Employers Organisation (N.W.E.O.).

Taking centre stage was the "Enhanced Role" of Overview and Scrutiny in the Government's White Paper "Strong and Prosperous Communities". Will Scrutiny have the capacity to "Step up to the Mark"? The White Paper, on balance, sets out a positive agenda for Scrutiny.

The next N.W.E.O.'s meeting will be held on the 15th March 2007.

Unfortunately, the Second Task and Finish Group Meeting between the Management O & S and the Executive, has been delayed due to the White Paper. This will now be held on the 5th February 2007 at 10 a.m. to review the Protocol between the Executive and Overview & Scrutiny.

Cllr Barry O. Earp

Chairman Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

16th January 2007