Agenda Item 9(b)(i)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN:

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report of Chairman:

COUNCILLOR DONALD JEFFERSON

In my capacity as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee I am pleased to report a steady improvement in the performance of the Scrutiny Committees.

It has not been easy and some difficult times no doubt lie ahead but I believe that the will to succeed is dominant in the Groups. We have published our Annual Report, as required by the Constitution, and I would ask Members to note the conclusion at Item 14.

We are at the beginning of a new system and it is very different to the old Committee structure. These first few months show that Members can adapt and change and I look forward to the next twelve months with a cautious confidence.

COUNCILLOR D JEFFERSON § 22 April 2002