

Dear Councillor.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution, Councillor S J Osborne has requested that the draft decision contained in Minute 31.1 of the Cabinet at its meeting on 12 July 2011, be called-in for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee. The draft decision related to the "Risk Management – Annual Report to Cabinet" and the text of Minute 31.1 reads as follows:

"31.1 That the annual report on risk management, as set out in Report No 123/11, be received and endorsed".

I am therefore now required to e-mail the reason for the request of Councillor Osborne to all members of the Scrutiny Committee. The reason is:

"On page 154 of the July Cabinet papers the Report considers the reputational risk to LDC by councillors/officers which bring the Council into disrepute. Mitigation is considered to be through the promotion of codes of conduct for officers and councillors.

The Report recommends that there are no risks scored as high for this risk type.

Given the recent negative and damaging media coverage of members of LDC and the very real prospect of further negative coverage I propose that the Scrutiny Committee should examine/consider whether the reputational risk score should be raised".

Members of the Scrutiny Committee must decide within two working days whether they support the request for the draft decision to be reviewed. If you do support the request, then you must e-mail your response to me trevor.hayward@lewes.gov.uk by 5.00pm on Monday, 25 July 2011.

A meeting of a Panel of the Committee will be held if at least five members of the Committee are in favour of calling in the draft decision.

(NB I have copied this e-mail to members of the Cabinet, members of the Corporate Management Team and other appropriate officers FOR INFORMATION ONLY. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, **responses to this e-mail are required only from members of the Scrutiny Committee**).

Yours sincerely

Trevor Hayward
Committee Officer.

