



(DRAFT) SCRUTINY REVIEW – ONE PAGE STRATEGY

FOR COMPLETION BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
Broad topic area	Devolution
Specific topic area	The Gloucestershire Bid
Terms of Reference for the review	<p>To identify the opportunities for Cheltenham that members would want explored in any devolution arrangements for Gloucestershire.</p> <p>To act as a sounding board on behalf of a wider group of members as the devolution bid develops.</p> <p>To review potential governance and scrutiny arrangements for the combined authority and understand how members could influence future decision making</p>
Outcomes	<p>A list of opportunities that Cheltenham would like to see explored in any devolution bid with specific reference to subsidiarity.</p> <p>A clear understanding of the benefits of devolution for the council and the town it serves and how the council can maximise its contribution to the devolution arrangements.</p> <p>An agreement to any governance and scrutiny arrangements that are being proposed as part of the bid or any recommendations for change.</p>
How long should the review take?	<p>The government expect all parties in Gloucestershire Devolution to be signed up by 25 November and an Extraordinary Council meeting has been arranged for the 16 November so the task group should be in a position to make its views known by that date.</p> <p>Following that milestone, the group will need to understand the timescales for devolution going forward and make their plans accordingly.</p> <p>The Leader has a meeting with the GCC Leader on Thursday 15 October and would welcome some initial views from the task group before that meeting on outcomes for Cheltenham.</p>
Recommendations to reported to:	In view of the timescales for this first phase, it should be agreed at the O&S committee on 26 October that the scrutiny task group will reports its initial conclusions direct to Council on 16 November.
Membership:	
FOR COMPLETION BY OFFICERS	
Officers experts and witnesses	Andrew North, Richard Gibson, Bryan Parsons who have all been involved in the devolution bid to date

Sponsoring officer	Andrew North
Facilitator	Rosalind Reeves
FOR COMPLETION BY THE SCRUTINY TASK GROUP	
Are there any current issues with performance?	Not applicable.
Co-optees	None identified at this stage.
Other experts and witnesses	Richard Gibson (communities and neighbourhoods), Andrew North (governance), Bryan Parsons (governance).
Other consultees	Gloucestershire Scrutiny Group could have devolution on their agenda.
Background information	Grant Thornton, Centre for Public Scrutiny and government have all produced briefing papers and guidance
Suggested method of approach	Initial approach will be to review all available documentation both within Gloucestershire and advice from external bodies. Find out how members in other councils are approaching it.
How will we involve the public/media? Or at what stages	To be agreed.
Preferred timing for meetings	6 pm.