

## **Closing Remarks**

### **Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee**

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The Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee ( PRS ) first met on the 21st February 2013. It was constituted and given its Terms of Reference following consideration by a Short Life Working Group during 2012.

Initially the efforts of the Committee focussed on providing momentum and analysis for the Council's Performance Measurement system. As the Political Management structure has evolved the Committee has been able to take a high level posture as performance review has become embedded in the Council's operations.

The challenges of being quorate in the early years have now been overcome, stimulated, no doubt, by the interest expressed by Audit Scotland.

The evolution of the Committee has progressively allowed PRS to address itself to the Scrutiny aspect of its Terms of Reference. The topics so far addressed have been identified by the Committee itself. It is clear that the Council has yet to develop an appetite for scrutiny and recognise the internal resource which the Committee represents. It is to be hoped that the incoming Council/Administration/Executive will be sufficiently secure in themselves to respond to the Committee's declared intent to be a "critical friend."

It would be remiss not to applaud the efforts of the Officers in supporting this new entity and the Members in their commitment.

The support and involvement of Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue has been of the highest order and is surely a template for the successful involvement of other external agencies.

I wish Scrutiny, in whatever form in the new Council, every success.



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