

**SCRUTINY ENQUIRY SCOPING DOCUMENT**

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<b>RESPONSIBLE BODY</b>	
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
<b>ENQUIRY NAME</b>	<b>REFERENCE NUMBER</b>
USE OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS BY IW COUNCIL	SC/10/06
<b>OUTLINE OF ENQUIRY</b>	
<p>To examine the current policy and practice of the Isle of Wight Council in the procurement and use of consultants.</p> <p>To examine how much is spent on consultants by the Council, who are the decision makers and how consultancy expenses are accounted/budgeted for.</p> <p>To examine what systems exist for monitoring progress and evaluating outcomes</p> <p>Whether the Council is getting value for money.</p>	
<b>REASON FOR ENQUIRY</b>	
Significant public interest in the use of outside consultants.	
<b>PROPOSED OUTCOME/S</b>	
To satisfy the Committee that the current policy is appropriate and adhered to in all circumstances and to consider recommendations for future policy and practice.	
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	
To receive evidence from stakeholders as determined by the Lead Member	
<u>What will not be included</u>	
Investigation into professional advisors such as architects, surveyors and legal advisors.	
<b>KEY STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
<p>Cabinet Member for Resources and Town/Parish Council Empowerment</p> <p>Director of Finance</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p>	
<b>RELEVANT AIM HIGH-CORPORATE AND/OR COMMUNITY STRATEGY/IES</b>	
<u>Aim High:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high performing, cost effective Council</li> <li>• The sustainable regeneration and development of the Island</li> </ul>	

Community strategy:

- A safe and strong Island
- A thriving Island

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**LEAD MEMBER**

Lead member Cllr Deborah Gardiner assisted by Cllr William Burt, Cllr Anne Bishop and Mrs Sue Poston

**OFFICER INVOLVEMENT**

Lead Link Officer:

Overview and Scrutiny Team:

April West and Paul Thistlewood

**DATE OF INITIATION**

10.08.06

**PROPOSED DATE OF COMPLETION**

23.11.06