



**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**DATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE REVIEW Wards**

26<sup>TH</sup> July 2011

The Secretary of State announced the latest local government resource review on 17 March 2011. This report provides a briefing on the review.

All

In summary the review is intended to:

- Consider the way local government is funded “with a view to giving local authorities greater financial autonomy whilst insuring that all authorities will have adequate resources to meet the needs of their communities”;
- “Look at ways to reduce the reliance of local government on central government funding” and so will;
- “Include consideration of changes to the business rates system” including;
  - ▶ “Focus in particular on the optimum model for incentivising local government to promote growth by retention business rates”
  - ▶ “Examining the scope for further financial freedoms for local authorities, while standing up for and protecting the interest of local taxpayers...”

**CONTRIBUTORS**

All departments

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Committee is invited to review and comment upon the report.

**NEXT STEPS**

The Committee’s comments and recommendations will be submitted to the appropriate decision maker(s) for consideration.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000**  
**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description of Background Papers</b>	<b>Name/Ext of holder of file/copy</b>	<b>Department/ Location</b>
1.	NONE STATED.		