SCRUTINY ENQUIRY SCOPING DOCUMENT

Enquiry name	Customer Contact Review
Terms of reference	 To examine options open to the Council for providing a modern, integrated customer contact service To make recommendations to the Cabinet for improving customer contact service standards and efficiency
Summary of enquiry	 Examine/ challenge current customer contact channels Research best practice elsewhere Identify customers' requirements Evaluate options and make recommendations to Cabinet
Reason for enquiry	 The current contract with the Contact Centre expires in December 2012 Need to make contract decision that complements other customer contact channels and requirements Timed to accommodate lead-time of around 18 months for some of the known options Officers seeking cross-party Member input regarding customer involvement, research and recommendations
Existing evidence	Contact Centre Review Sept 2010 Customer Contact Review October 2010
Potential outcome/s	 Wider awareness amongst officers and Members of the need for a modern and effective customer contact service Well-research recommendations regarding the design of a modern, integrated customer contact service More efficient use of financial resources
Relevant corporate and/or community strategy/ies	Being a listening council, providing first class services accessible to all
Portfolio holders	Cllr Bygott
Members of the task & finish group	Cllrs Reply awaited from group leaders
Key stakeholders	All SCDC council taxpayers; elected members; officers
Officer involvement	Lead officer: Paul Howes/Paul Knight
Timing	November 2010 to May 2011
Report dates	Scrutiny May 2011; Cabinet 12 May 2011