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Dear Leader

Re: Scrutiny Management Panel Review of City Council's Use of Consultants

The Scrutiny Management panel have now concluded their review into the City Council's Use of Consultants, which was an informative and worthwhile process.

During the course of the review, it became evident that there are huge opportunities to make a real difference at a time when local government faces immense challenges in terms of budgets and resources. The evidence suggests there is a lot of experienced staff within the organisation with a range of skills and abilities that are often unknown out with their own service.

Consequently, SMP feel that it would be of greater benefit to PCC, for Cabinet to consider the recommendations of this review within the 8 week time-frame laid down by the Scrutiny Procedure Rules and ask that Cabinet considers this report earlier than normal.

If you are agreeable to this request, I will attend Cabinet in January to present the recommendations of the report to members.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Scrutiny Management Panel