

**Norwich City Council**  
**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **Item 7**

**REPORT for meeting to be held on 22 March 2012**

### **The Localism Act – challenges and opportunities for overview and scrutiny**

**Summary:** On 23 February 2012, scrutiny members resolved to receive a report on the Localism Act 2011 and how it may affect the role of scrutiny.

**Conclusions:** Members will receive a presentation on the Localism Act 2011 and will have the opportunity to ask officers about the possible implications for scrutiny.

**Outcome:** The presentation will enable the scrutiny committee to:

- understand the many aspects of the Localism Act 2011 and the proposed timetable when the council will be addressing specific issues;
- start to think about how the Localism Act 2011 may impact on the role of scrutiny in the future; and
- start to think about the areas that scrutiny might want to identify and engage with in the development of policies, or pre-scrutiny of reports to cabinet, and how this might be incorporated into the work programme for the new civic year.

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