

Belfast City Council

Report to: Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Subject: Prison Review Team – A Review of the Conditions, Management

and Oversight of all Prisons

Date: 20th August, 2010

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Relevant Background Information

In line with the Hillsborough Agreement of 5th February, 2010, The Minister for Justice has established a Prisons Review Team to conduct a rolling review encompassing the conditions of detention, management and oversight of all Prisons.

Correspondence (a copy of which is attached) has been received from the Chairperson of the Review Team inviting the Council to submit written evidence setting out its views on the review, which should be forwarded to the Team by 16th September, 2010.

Resource Implications

None associated with this report.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note receipt of the correspondence and agree that, since the Council has no direct involvement in service delivery for this issue, it be referred to the Party Groupings on the Council.

Decision Tracking

N/A

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Correspondence from the Chairperson of the Prisons Review Team.