

Item No. 6.1	Classification: Open	Date: October 19 2005	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Scrutiny report on Southwark Alliance: Links with the council's decision making structure	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Overview and Scrutiny Committee	

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council assembly notes the report from overview and scrutiny committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The overview and scrutiny committee reviewed the relationship between the between the council and Southwark Alliance, focussing particularly on the emerging governance issues, for example the relationships between area partnerships and community councils. It found a democratic deficit and in its report called on both Southwark Alliance and the council to review their respective arrangements for both governance and communication around partnership issues.
3. The full scrutiny report is at Appendix 1. It was considered by the Southwark Alliance Management Group at their September meeting and their response will be reported to the executive.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers (Previously circulated)	Held At	Contact
Overview and Scrutiny Committee reports and minutes	Southwark Town Hall	Peter Roberts X57229

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee report

AUDIT TRAIL

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Dated	7 th October 2005	
Key Decision?		
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Borough Solicitor & Secretary		No
Chief Finance Officer		No
Chief Officers		No
Executive Member		
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