

Table 1: Should we work jointly with other councils?	
<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Response</i>
Are citizens in two or more council areas likely to be affected by a regional/partnership policy decision?	Yes/No
Will the regional/partnership policy decision have strategic implications for two or more councils?	Yes/No
Will joint scrutiny complement (rather than duplicate) reviews conducted by audit, inspectorate and regulatory bodies?	Yes/No
Will it be cost effective to pool scrutiny talent and resource, rather than to scrutinise separately?	Yes/No
Does the regional/partnership policy decision significantly impact on the resource spend for two or more councils?	Yes/No
Will joint scrutiny produce 'added value' for two or more councils?	Yes/No
Will joint scrutiny be timely in terms of having maximum impact on decision-making?	Yes/No
Will joint working reduce duplication for partners and prevent organisations giving similar input to two or more local scrutiny committees?	Yes/No
Are there adequate resources to conduct effective joint scrutiny?	Yes/No

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