



SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP GROUP - 24TH JULY 2014

SUBJECT: DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCRUTINY

REPORT BY: SCRUTINY RESEARCH OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek comments from Scrutiny Leadership Group on the Draft Performance Management Framework for Local Government Scrutiny.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report informs Scrutiny Leadership Group of the Draft Performance Management Framework for Local Government Scrutiny, which has been developed by the Scrutiny Officer Network and co-ordinated by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, Wales

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The operation of scrutiny is required by the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent Assembly legislation.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Last year, the Centre for Public Scrutiny and Welsh Scrutiny Officers jointly developed a set Outcomes and Characteristics of Effective Scrutiny. On 8th October 2013, full Council subsequently approved the Outcomes and Characteristics of Effective Scrutiny as its 'Strategic Vision for Scrutiny'. The Outcomes and Characteristics of Effective Scrutiny were endorsed by Wales Audit Office in their report, 'Good Scrutiny? Good Question?', published on 29th May 2014.
- 4.2 The Centre for Public Scrutiny and Welsh Scrutiny Officers have since added further detail to the Outcomes and Characteristics of Effective Scrutiny by devising a suite of performance indicators. A copy of the revised document is attached at Appendix 1. Comments on the draft Outcomes and Characteristics of Effective Scrutiny are invited before the framework is finalised in the autumn. It is thought that the final Outcomes, Characteristics and Indicators of Effective Scrutiny will be adopted as a national model by local authorities, the WAO and regulators and used to measure the effectiveness of future scrutiny arrangements.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's EqIA process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications not contained in the report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications not contained in the report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 There are no consultation responses not contained in the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That Scrutiny Leadership Group note and comment on the development of the draft Outcomes, Characteristics and Indicators framework of Effective Scrutiny.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To ensure that Scrutiny Leadership Group are aware of the draft framework and have the opportunity to comment.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Draft Performance Management Framework for Local Government Scrutiny.