



SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP GROUP – 28TH JULY 2016

SUBJECT: SCRUTINY REVIEW: SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Scrutiny Leadership Group to note the revised terms of reference of SLG as a result of the changes implemented during the scrutiny review.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report sets out the revised terms of reference for Scrutiny Leadership Group, in order to take into account the changes agreed by Council in October 2015 under the Scrutiny Review. Scrutiny Leadership Group is asked to note the changes.

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 The recommendations of the Scrutiny Review were agreed by full Council on the 5th October 2015. The result of this change requires amendments to the terms of reference of Scrutiny Leadership group which are set out below (the additional responsibilities are in italics):

- Ensure effective liaison across the work of the Committees.
- Provide strategic leadership of the Scrutiny function.
- Consider involvement in regional Scrutiny arrangements.
- Encourage public engagement with Scrutiny and *oversee the list of stakeholders and external witnesses for each scrutiny committee.*
- *Review and monitor the quality of reports presented to scrutiny committees.*
- Consider Councillor Calls for Action.
- *Recommend whether referrals of individual Ombudsman reports from Standards Committee should be referred to Scrutiny Committee (and if so which Committee) or Audit Committee or whether they will be kept as information for all Members.*
- Monitor effectiveness of Scrutiny Committee pre-meeting *and share good practice for pre-meetings including peer observations.*
- Oversee specific scrutiny training requirements.

4.2 Members are asked to note that following the scrutiny review SLG will no longer be responsible for agreeing scrutiny committee forward work programmes, these are now agreed by each respective scrutiny committee.

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 Scrutiny Leadership to note the changes to their terms of reference.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To ensure that the changes to as a result of the scrutiny review are reflected in the terms of reference of SLG.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

11.2 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

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Background Papers:
Scrutiny Review 2015 - Report to Council 6 October 2015