

Place Scrutiny Committee – 15th July, 2015

Report of the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation)

Terms of Reference for the Place Scrutiny Committee

Purpose of Report

1. To note the terms of reference for the Place Scrutiny Committee.

Background

2. At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 11th December, 2014, a report was considered on the implications of the corporate restructuring on the Council's future overview and scrutiny arrangements.

Approval, in principle, was given to establish a Scrutiny Committee structure aligned to the new Strategic Directorate structure for the 2015/16 municipal year.

The establishment of the following Committees was recommended and approved by the annual meeting of the Council, to take effect from May 2015:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
People Services Scrutiny Committee
Resources and Transformation Scrutiny Committee
Place Scrutiny Committee
Health Scrutiny Committee.

3. The Council's scrutiny arrangements are set out in Part 2, Article 6 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny). The associated Scrutiny Procedure Rules are contained within Part 4 of the Constitution which also contains the terms of reference for the Place Scrutiny Committee. These terms of reference are attached as an Appendix to this report..

Finance

4. The costs of operating the revised scrutiny structure will be contained within existing budgetary allocations.

Law

5. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

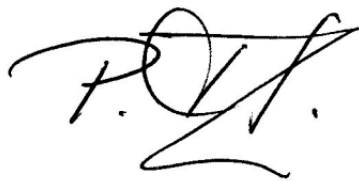
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Equality Impact

6. Provision exists within the recommended scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendations

7. That the terms of reference for the Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the attached Appendix, be noted.



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List of Background Papers

The Council's Constitution

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

11 Councillors.

Terms of Reference

In accordance with any relevant statutory requirements and the Annual Scrutiny Programme approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) To undertake in-depth scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews in accordance with the Annual Scrutiny Programme;
- (b) To contribute to policy development by carrying out the scrutiny of matters falling within the functions of the Directorate of Place and the portfolios of the Cabinet Members for Planning and Economic Development, Environmental Services and Housing.

To submit reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or the Council on the outcomes of scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews.

To make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on any proposed amendments to the Annual Scrutiny Programme.