



Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel

Scrutiny Update

Date: 17 March 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Chief Executive (Director of Law)

Outline and recommendations

Members are asked to note and ask questions on the information provided.

1. Summary

1.1. This provides an update on current scrutiny activity.

2. Recommendation

2.1. Members are asked to note and ask questions on the information provided.

3. Scrutiny Review

3.1. A proposed new scrutiny structure has been agreed in principle. A report will be prepared for the Constitution Working Party on 17 March 2020 in relation to those proposals that require constitutional change, before the changes are submitted to Full Council for approval and introduction to the Council in the next municipal year (2020/21).

3.2. Features of the new structure include:

- Each select committee having 6 members, apart from the Children and Young People Select Committee which will have 8 members plus five independent education representatives.
- Each select committee having 5 meetings scheduled across the course of the year.
- Time limited Task and Finish Groups being introduced, with the setting up of these groups being a matter for the full Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Select Committees

- 4.1. The final cycle of Select Committee meetings this municipal year will conclude with the Public Accounts Select Committee meeting on 18 March 2020. All in-depth reviews are on track to conclude this municipal year, with the exception of the Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee's Equalities Review where the final report and recommendations will be agreed at the first meeting of the new municipal year.
- 4.2. The Committee Chairs may wish to provide their own oral updates on Select Committee work.

5. Report author and contact

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