

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: 9 JULY 2020

TITLE: REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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This is not a Key Decision
It is on the Forward Plan as Decision Number I011084
Call-in Procedures may apply
This decision will affect no ward specifically.

RECOMMENDED that:

- A** Subject to approval by the Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet endorses the Cabinet-Scrutiny Protocol (attached as Appendix A to the report), the revised Scrutiny Procedure Rules (attached as Appendix B to the report) and the revised Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference (attached as Appendix C to the report) are adopted by Full Council.
- B** Subject to recommendation by the Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet agrees that the Cabinet Overview Working Group is renamed the Cabinet Policy Development Group and the terms of reference are amended as set out in Appendix D to the report.

REASON FOR DECISION

- A** The Scrutiny Committee carried out a review of the Council's overview and scrutiny functions in light of Government guidance and is due to make recommendations.
- B** To enable the recommendations to be adopted at the earliest opportunity.

BACKGROUND

1. On 18 October 2019, the Scrutiny Committee began a review of the Council's overview and scrutiny functions. It established a Working Party for the purposes of this review.

ISSUES/PROPOSALS

2. The Committee was due to consider the Working Party's proposals at its meeting on 17 March 2020, with the proposals to be adopted in time for the 2020/21 municipal year. However, due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the March meeting was cancelled.
3. In order to enable the review's proposals to be adopted by Full Council on 16 July, this report is being brought to Cabinet prior to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 14 July. This will enable the changes to be made at the earliest opportunity.

IMPLICATIONS

Implications of the recommended decision are outlined in the 'Implications' section of the original report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Original report to the Scrutiny Committee 'Review of the Impact of Permitted Development – Final Report'

Background Papers

None.

Glossary of terms/abbreviations used

None.