

Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1

21 March 2019

COMMITTEE NAMES

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

All Wards
Key Decision = N

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Members' views on alternative names for Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 & 2.

2.0 Decision Sought

- 2.1 That Members consider a change of name for the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees to better identify their roles and functions, and if so to propose a preferred name for Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1.

3.0 Link to Corporate Priorities

- 3.1 This links to the Council's Corporate Priority of Providing a Fit for Purpose Council by providing effective governance arrangements.

4.0 Introduction & Background

- 4.1 Under its current governance arrangements the Council has two Overview & Scrutiny committees which hold separate remits to best cover the broad range of council and community matters which are of public and member interest.
- 4.2 The functions of each committee are set out at 7.2 in Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution. In summary the roles are divided between the two as follows, and are reflected in their respective work programmes:
- (a) Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1 - Scrutiny functions for all internal aspects of Council service delivery.
 - (b) Overview & Committee 2 – Scrutiny functions for all external aspects of Council service delivery including Crime and Disorder.
- 4.3 As part of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee's recent review of the constitution it was suggested by members of its Working Group that the names "Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1" and "Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2" were not helpful to partners or lay members of the public insofar that they do not indicate their remit in any way. It was therefore suggested that Council rename the committees to better reflect those roles.

4.4 A change of name is purely administrative in nature and will not have an impact on the role of the Committee or its members. Therefore, the decision to change name need not be subject to wider consultation, but is best placed with those Members who sit on each respective committee. No formal recommendations are provided, however the following suggestions have been made by members and officers:

- (a) Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1 – “Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Internal)” or “Corporate and Performance Scrutiny Committee”.
- (b) Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2 – “Overview & Scrutiny Committee (External)” or “Community and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee”.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 That Members consider a change of name for the Council’s Overview & Scrutiny Committees to better identify their roles and functions, and if so to propose a preferred name for Overview & Scrutiny Committee 1.

6.0 Corporate Implications

Scrutiny Consultation	N/A.
Community Engagement	None.
Environment & Sustainability	None.
Financial Implications	None.
Legal Implications	None.
Risk Implications	None.
Human Resource Implications	None.
Equalities Implications	N/A.
Health & Safety Implications	None.

7.0 Further Information

7.1 Background Papers – None.

7.2 File Reference – None.

7.3 Appendices – None.

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