

New scrutiny structure – May 2013

Report to the Constitution Committee on 7 November 2012

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 2 October 2012, members considered proposals for a new scrutiny structure to become effective following the County Council election on 2 May 2013. The proposals have been developed in conjunction with the other overview and scrutiny committees and members from across the Council have had an opportunity to comment.
- 1.2 The chairman of the committee, Cllr Rob Garnham, noted that the proposed structure built on the success of the Council's current arrangements whilst taking account of:
- a) The new operating model that split commissioning from the delivery of services.
 - b) The reduction in the number of councillors from 63 to 53 in May 2013.
 - c) The introduction of the Police and Crime Panel.
 - d) Reducing staff resources in Democratic Services and across the Council.
- 1.3 Please find the following documents attached to the report:

Annex 1 - Cllr Rob Garnham's report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 2 October 2012

Annex 2 – an extract from the unapproved minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 2 October 2012

Annex 3 – the changes required to the constitution if the new scrutiny structure is to become effective following the May 2013 election.

1.4 Recommendations

To recommend to the Council that the new scrutiny structure be adopted following the May 2013 election and the constitution changes indicated at Annex 3 be adopted at that time.

To consider whether any changes are required to the frequency of meetings, including full Council.