



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

2nd MAY 2019

REVIEW – OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ‘FIT FOR THE FUTURE’

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with details of the proposals in response to the WAO ‘Fit for the Future’ review in respect of the Council’s Scrutiny arrangements and to seek approval to amend the constitution to reflect the proposals contained within the report, as attached as Appendix A.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Corporate Governance & Constitution Committee:

- 2.1 Note the observations and responses to the proposals of the WAO fit for the future review as outlined within Appendix A of the report.
- 2.2 To note the verbal feedback of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee following consideration of the report and the recommended proposals following their meeting on the 1st May, 2019.
- 2.3 Agree that the Terms of Reference of each of the scrutiny Committees be reviewed, refined and agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its first meeting, following the Council Annual General Meeting.
- 2.4 Subject to the agreement to the above, recommend to the Council Annual General Meeting that authority is provided to the proper officer to update the Council Constitution accordingly to reflect the changes to the Committees Terms of Reference.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In October, 2018 the WAO published its report into the Council’s scrutiny arrangements ‘Fit for the Future. The report followed a review conducted

from December 2017 and January 2018. This report and a subsequent implementation plan was presented to Overview and Scrutiny. Following which Members instructed that a review of the council's Scrutiny arrangements be undertaken.

- 3.2 The findings of the review can be found in appendix A to this report.
- 3.3 If the proposals are taken forward then amendments to the Constitution will need to be taken forward in respect of the Terms of Reference for each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees.

4 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report and no equality impact assessment is deemed necessary.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A meeting with the Council's Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs has been scheduled to discuss the report and in addition to this, the matter is to be discussed at a special meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 1st May, 2019, with verbal feedback from the meeting being reported to the Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 If taken forward the Council Constitution will need to be amended to reflect the new way of working.

8 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT.

- 8.1 The proposals outlined within Appendix A will work to ensure a sustainable and robust scrutiny structure is in place which will effectively challenge policy decisions taken forward.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

[Overview & Scrutiny](#) – October 2018.