



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018 - 2019**

**SCRUTINY CHAIRS & VICE CHAIRS MEETING**

**1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR of DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to present to the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs the draft Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs:

- 2.1 Review the draft report at Appendix 1 and confirm the content of their individual Annual Reports for the 2018/19 Municipal Year; and
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1, endorse the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 (and subsequent amendments as requested by Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019).

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To ensure the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees have delivered against their respective forward Work Programmes and incorporated any additional work as referred to them during the 2018/19 Municipal Year as appropriate and in line with their respective terms of reference.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

4.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Annual report was presented to members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019. At the meeting Members were asked to consider whether it represented a fair and balanced summary of the work undertaken by all the Council's Scrutiny Committees during the Municipal Year 2018/19.

4.2 Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee subsequently endorsed the report and its presentation to the Annual General meeting (AGM) of the Council subject to the inclusion of the following:-

- Inclusion of the Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Call-In) held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019; and
- Reference to the involvement of the Education Co-opted Members in the Council's Scrutiny process;

4.3 For ease of reference these items have been included at pages 18 and 21 of the report respectively.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

5.1 It is appropriate that the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs have the opportunity to review their individual annual reports to assess whether they represent an accurate reflection of the scrutiny activities during 2018/19 before it is presented to Full Council.

#### **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising from this report and no Equality Impact Assessment is deemed necessary for the purposes of this report.

#### **7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 The views of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee were sought at its meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 where members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report subject to the inclusion of two points, as referenced above.

7.2 Further consultation is sought from the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs of the respective Scrutiny Committees to confirm the content of their individual Scrutiny annual reports before presentation to the Council AGM.

#### **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **9. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

9.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report supports the arrangements to strengthen the Council's consideration and scrutiny of its work, through 'the lens of the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act'. these arrangements will be embedded into the business of the Council as set out in the Policy Statement agreed by Cabinet on 2 November 2016.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**as amended by**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

**SCRUTINY CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS**

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