



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4th July 2022

**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEES**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATIONS**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose the Draft Terms of Reference for approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the newly established Scrutiny Committees.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 2.1 Consider and approve the draft Terms of Reference as attached at **Appendix A** to the report
- 2.2 Request that the Service Director – Democratic Services & Communications reports the determined Terms of Reference to the respective revised scrutiny committees.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As agreed in a [report](#) to [Council's AGM on 25th May 2022](#) the Council's Scrutiny Structure has been revised to respond to areas of improvement identified since the previous scrutiny arrangements put in place in 2019.
- 3.2 The new arrangements will ensure the Council's scrutiny arrangements are well-placed to respond to the new requirements of the [Local Government & Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021](#). This includes responding to the revised responsibilities for the [Governance & Audit Committee](#).

4. CURRENT SITUATION

4.1 To respond to the requirements and direction of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and to enhance the significant changes in approach and structure made in 2019, the following Scrutiny Structure arrangement is outlined for member's information below

- Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee
- Community Services Scrutiny Committee
- Climate Change, Frontline Services & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

4.2 The draft terms of reference attached at **Appendix A** are provided for members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider and approve

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 A meeting was held with the Group Leaders prior to the proposed Scrutiny Structure being presented to the AGM for their comments and feedback.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

7.1 There are no legal implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report, although amendments to the Councils constitution will need to be taken forward as appropriate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

COUNCIL AGM 2022 – [Review of Scrutiny Arrangements 2022- 2027](#)

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