

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL – 23 JANUARY 2020**

**SCRUTINY STRUCTURE**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE (STATUTORY MONITORING OFFICER)**

**LEAD MEMBER: COUNCILLOR DEREK WHITE**

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1 To seek approval of a new structure for Scrutiny and associated Terms of Reference.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 To agree the revised scrutiny structure set out in this report and the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Committees attached at Appendix 1.

**3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>COMMUNITY IMPACT</b>	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	All objectives
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	Borough Wide
<b>DELIVERY DATE</b>	23 January 2020	
<b>FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT</b>	No	There are no direct financial implications arising from adopting the recommendations of this report.  RP-8/1/20
<b>LEGAL ISSUES</b>	Yes	The Council is required, by legislation, to make provision for at least one Overview & Scrutiny Committee which will have wide powers to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• review and scrutinise decisions made by the Executive in discharging its functions;</li><li>• to make recommendations to the Executive on such matters;</li><li>• to make recommendations on matters affecting the Borough or its inhabitants; and</li><li>• to review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service within the Borough and make recommendations in respect of those matters.</li></ul> No member of the Executive can be a member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.  This report sets out the arrangements this authority has made to ensure it meets its statutory obligations with

		regards to scrutiny. AL – 3/1/2020
<b>OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS &amp; OPPORTUNITIES</b>	No	
<b>IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS</b>	No	Borough-wide impact.

**PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

1.1 The Council's Annual General Meeting on 23 May 2019 provided for five Scrutiny Committees as follows:-

Scrutiny Management Board	7 seats
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee	9 seats
Communities, Equalities & Accessibility Scrutiny Committee	7 seats
Business, The Economy and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee	7 seats
Council Finance and Commercial Services Scrutiny Committee	7 seats
Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee	9 seats
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (sub-Committee of Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee)	3 seats

1.2 In accordance with the Scrutiny Handbook, on 24 October 2019 Scrutiny Assembly was consulted on a new structure and terms of reference for Scrutiny which the Scrutiny Chairs considered would provide clarity and simplification to the remit of the Scrutiny Committees, give a clear focus and limit the potential for overlap. Scrutiny Management Board considered the comments of the Assembly on 19 November 2019 and recommend the following structure to Council:-

Scrutiny Management Board	7 seats	Chaired by Cllr Derek White	No change (terms of reference included at Appendix 1)
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee	9 seats	Chaired by Cllr Angela McClements	No change (terms of reference included at Appendix 1)
Communities, Equalities & Accessibility Scrutiny Committee	7 seats	Chaired by Cllr Chris Turley	Change name to <b>Communities Scrutiny Committee</b> with terms of reference as set out at Appendix 1
Business, The Economy and Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee	7 seats	Chaired by Cllr Gilly Reynolds	Change name to <b>Environment Scrutiny Committee</b>

			with terms of reference as set out at Appendix 1
Council Finance and Commercial Services Scrutiny Committee	7 seats	Chaired by Cllr Eileen Callear	Change name to <b>Business and Finance Scrutiny Committee</b> with terms of reference as set out at Appendix 1
Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee	9 seats	Chaired by Cllr Derek White	No change (terms of reference included at Appendix 1)
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3 seats	Co-Chaired by Cllr Derek White	No change (terms of reference included for information only at Appendix 1)

1.3 The existing terms of reference for those Scrutiny Committees where no changes are recommended, together with the proposed terms of reference (as supported by the Scrutiny Assembly and Scrutiny Management Board) for the Communities, Environment and Business & Finance Scrutiny Committees are attached at Appendix 1.

2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Annual General Meeting – 23 May 2019.

3. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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