

Information/Discussion Paper

Overview and Scrutiny - 6th June 2022

Follow-up to 2020/21 O&S Review

This note contains the information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee, but where no decisions from Members are needed.

1. Why has this come to scrutiny?

- 1.1** In 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned Campbell Tickell to assess the current arrangements and ways of working in the context of the Statutory Guidance, and make recommendations about how the committee could be more effective and how resources could be better focused or increased.
- 1.2** Campbell Tickell presented their initial findings in January 2020, before submitting their final report in February 2020, including a range of recommendations.
- 1.3** The O&S Committee accepted the recommendations and established a task group to devise an action plan in response. The task group's final report, outlining responses to each of the recommendations, was approved by O&S at its meeting on 7th June 2021.
- 1.4** This discussion paper follows up on the task group's responses to the

recommendations a year on, in order to update Members and to ensure that the committee continues to function in a way that is consistent with what was agreed last year.

2. Summary of the Issue

- 2.1** All of the recommendations except 5 and 16 have been implemented.
- 2.2** Recommendation 5 (the requirement for the Leader of the Council to attend every O&S meeting and deliver a briefing) was initially implemented but was changed in 2022 at the request of the Chair. The Leader is still consulted in advance of every meeting to see if she has anything to report or circulate to Members, but this is not mandatory. O&S Members are able to request that the Leader attend the next meeting to brief them on a particular topic if it is of interest to the committee.
- 2.3** Recommendation 16 (the introduction of an action tracker so that all decisions and actions made by the committee can be tracked at each meeting) is not yet implemented, but will form part of the Clearview rollout across the whole council and will be overseen by Democratic Services. The Executive Director People and Change updated O&S on the progress of Clearview at the 28th March 2022 meeting, with an expected timescale of up to 18 months for full implementation.

3. Summary of evidence/information

- 3.1** The full list of recommendations is attached at **Appendix 1**, with any notes and updates highlighted in the right-hand column.

4. Next Steps - possible next steps for the committee to consider, e.g. potential

witnesses, further report, site visit etc.

- 4.1** No further steps are required, other than for the committee to continue to adhere to the recommendations as agreed.
- 4.2** Recommendation 16, relating to the action tracker, is to be implemented over the next 18 months as the Clearview system is rolled out across the whole council.

Background Papers	O&S, 24 th February 2020: Scrutiny Review from Campbell Tickell and appendices O&S, 7 th June 2021: Scrutiny Task Group Review – O&S Review Covering Report and appendices
Appendices	Appendix 1: Full list of recommendations agreed in June 2021, as updated in May 2022
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