

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 8 JUNE 2010

SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

REPORT OF HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree the Scrutiny arrangements and recommend the necessary changes to the Constitution to Full Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members of the Committee agree the changes to the constitution set out in Appendix 1 and recommend these changes to Full Council on the 24th June 2010.**
- 2.2 **Members of the Committee agree the consequent changes to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 2 and recommend these changes to Full Council on the 24th June 2010.**
- 2.3 **Members of the Committee note that Full Council on the 24th June 2010 appoints the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the 7 Scrutiny Committees.**

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 Minute CCC – 16 Council Constitution Committee 13th April 2010
Minute 106 (v) Council 29th April 2010
Minute No. 17 – Annual Council Meeting – 20th May, 2010

4.0 SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 The Interim Scrutiny Committee was established at Annual Council to consider the new Scrutiny arrangements. considered the change. The changes to the Constitution proposed by the Interim Scrutiny Committee on the 1st June 2010 are set out in Appendices 1 and 2.

5.0 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010/11

- 5.1 The process to agree the Scrutiny work programme for 2010/11 is set out in Section 9 of Appendix 1. In order to plan the work programme effectively it will be necessary to liaise with the Chairmen of the

Scrutiny Committees. The Committee is asked to note that Full Council on the 24th June appoints the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the 7 Scrutiny Committees.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

6.1 As part of their work all Scrutiny Committees, Scrutiny Reviews and Special Interest Meetings consider the equality and diversity implications of the issue under consideration.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.1 This report does not have any direct environmental impact.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The Council has a duty to scrutinise its work and that of NHS and partner organisations. These duties have been set out within the remits of the relevant Scrutiny Committees.

11.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

11.1 The Scrutiny Committees' remits mirror the Council Priorities. Work of the Scrutiny Reviews and Special Interest Meetings cuts across the corporate priorities. The Scrutiny function supports the priority 'An Efficient and Community Focused Council'

12.0 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

12.1 The new arrangements offer an opportunity to liaise with the Cabinet to ensure that Scrutiny can influence the Council's priorities.

12.2 There is a risk that if the Scrutiny work programme is not managed within the resources available that the Scrutiny work programme will not be delivered within the agreed timescales.

13.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report. The Scrutiny arrangements will be supported by the Scrutiny budget.

14.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no ward implications resulting directly from this report.

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