

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny
Arrangements

Status: For Publication

Report to: Annual Council

Date: 18 May 2007

Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to adopt the Overview and Scrutiny arrangements on a permanent basis.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support all the corporate priorities through the various work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 In September 2006 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee agreed key changes for working on Overview and Scrutiny. The proposals provided Members with a greater choice of the work and increased the opportunity to scrutinise work both internally and externally.

It was agreed to undertake a four month pilot of these new arrangements in December. At Council on 31st January 2007 Members agreed to continue the current pilot arrangements until the annual meeting of the Council.

Following the Election, the revised Committees would comprise the following:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	21	12:8:1
Policy Scrutiny Committee	7	4:2:1
Performance Scrutiny Committee	7	4:2:1
Audit Scrutiny Committee	7	4:2:1

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from the report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 There are no specific Human Resource issues arising from the report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny functions continue

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 That the Council agrees to adopt the new arrangements for Overview and Scrutiny on a permanent basis.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 All Members.

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No background papers