

# COUNCIL

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

### SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REMITS

#### CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that Scrutiny remits be amended and that each Scrutiny be responsible for the overview and scrutiny of specific Cabinet Portfolios and their respective services as detailed within Option 2 of the report.

#### REASONS:

To ensure that the Council's Scrutiny Committees align more closely to the Cabinet Portfolios.

Scrutiny Committee consulted	Not applicable
Cabinet Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	YES

Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder(s): N/A

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
COUNCIL  
28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REMITS**

Following the Local Government Elections in May 2022 a meeting was held between the new Group Leaders to discuss a number of issues in respect of the new Council.

As part of those discussions, the Leaders agreed to delay commencement of Scrutiny Committees meetings until September 2022 in order for the new Leader and his/her Cabinet to be formed and for Scrutiny remits to align to the new Cabinet Portfolios.

**As Scrutiny is a matter for the Council, it was agreed that the Constitutional Review Working Group (CRWG) would be asked to look at options for Scrutiny Committee remits and make a recommendation to Council.**

**CRWG met on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and considered two options namely: -**

- That the existing Scrutiny remits be revised to reflect as far as is reasonably possible Cabinet Member portfolios (Option 1)
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- A move from the traditional model where responsibilities are listed and alternatively Scrutiny Committees to be responsible for the overview and scrutiny of specific Cabinet Portfolios and their respective services (Option 2)

Following discussion, **CRWG UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that Option 2, as detailed in the report, be adopted, subject to Homes being moved and included within the responsibilities of the Communities and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, and that amendment is reflected in the appendices of this report.**

**DETAILED REPORT  
ATTACHED?**

**Option 1  
Option 2 (as amended to take into account CRWGs  
recommendation re responsibility for the homes  
portfolio)**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

### Legal

The Constitution stipulates that agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments is a matter for the full Council. The Council has established the Constitutional Review Working Group to review the constitution and to make recommendations to thereon.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below  
Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** Not applicable

### Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Council Constitution		<a href="https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/the-council/councils-constitution/">https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/the-council/councils-constitution/</a>