

SCRUTINY PEER REVIEW ACTION PLAN
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2018

	Peer Review Recommendation	Note	Recommendation
Work Programme Issues			
1.	Ensure that scrutiny work programmes and activity align with the Council Plan, and allows key issues to be scrutinised as they arise		That the Scrutiny Management Committee, or its successor, agree the overall overview and scrutiny work programme at its final meeting of each Council year, taking account of the priorities in the Council Plan, the Executive Forward Plan, Cabinet member and senior officer colleagues.
2.	Involve Cabinet members and senior officer colleagues in work programme planning		
3.	Develop a culture, shared by members and officers, which enables the effective delivery of scrutiny	Senior Officers to be appointed as 'Scrutiny Champions' to work with each scrutiny committee.	
4.	Executive Forward Plan to have a wider horizon to allow better planning of scrutiny		

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Resourcing			
1.	Nominate a senior officer to sponsor / champion each scrutiny committee	Senior Officers to be appointed as 'Scrutiny Champions' to work with each scrutiny committee.	That the action be supported.
2.	Ensure training and development needs are met, especially for Chairs, Vice Chairs and less experienced members		That the councillors involved in overview and scrutiny be asked to identify any training needs that would support / better enable to fulfil their role.
3.	Progress webcasting of scrutiny meetings	The ability to webcast would be a 'nice to have' and is an issue for the Council wider than overview and scrutiny.	That no action be taken as part of the review of overview and scrutiny.
4.	Review the Statutory Scrutiny Officer designation.	To be considered as part of Corporate Leadership Team's review of support for overview and scrutiny and the appointment of 'Scrutiny Champions'.	That a specific 'Role Specification' be developed for the Statutory Scrutiny Officer role.
5.	Review roles / available resources to support overview and scrutiny		That, recognising the constraints on available resources to support overview and scrutiny, the Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services) be requested to review resourcing in light of the Task and finish Group's recommendations.