

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015-16

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

20TH APRIL 2016

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 3

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY DRAFT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015-16**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to provide Members with the opportunity to consider the draft Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16 and the effectiveness of the changes to the scrutiny framework.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Members:

- (i) consider the proposed content of the draft Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015/16 and agree that it be presented to the Council's Annual General Meeting subject to Members' comments;
- (ii) provide a view on the effectiveness of the first year of operation of the new scrutiny arrangements with any suggestions for improvement.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Procedure Rules for Overview & Scrutiny within the Council's Constitution requires that an annual report be submitted to Council on the work carried out during the year.

3.2 The proposed approach to the scrutiny annual report this year is that it should include an overview of the work undertaken by each of the scrutiny committees since the last Council AGM in May 2015, followed by a section setting out more clearly the contribution made by scrutiny as a whole during the year in a range of areas such as policy review, performance monitoring and in depth review with recommendations.

3.3 During March, each of the themed scrutiny committees received a draft version of their respective section of the report which provided Members with the opportunity to have input into the content of the report.

3.4 As this is the first year of operation for the new scrutiny arrangements Members' are asked to consider the effectiveness of scrutiny during the year and views are particularly welcome in relation to how the operation of the Committees can be improved going forward into 2016/17. Members are requested to provide feedback on the following:

- Development of work programmes/topic selection;
- Information provided to inform the scrutiny process;
- The impact your Scrutiny Committee has had during the year e.g. better / worse / in line with your expectations;
- Areas / ideas for improvement.

3.5 Attached as Appendix 1 is the draft Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report for 2015/16 for Members' consideration.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

as amended by

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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List Of Background Papers

Report of the Director Legal & Democratic Services

Item - The draft Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16

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