

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Council – 23rd April, 2015

REPORT AUTHOR: Head of Democratic Services

SUBJECT: Scrutiny Committees

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Background.

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group (Scrutiny, Audit and Democratic Services Committees), held on 13th March, 2015, there was a discussion regarding the areas of responsibility undertaken by the scrutiny committees. It was suggested that as the People Scrutiny Committee's areas of responsibility included that largest service areas, the balance of responsibilities between scrutiny committees required adjustment.
- 1.2 The Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group recommended changes to the areas of responsibility as set out in bold type in the Appendix attached to this report.
- 1.3 In addition the Joint Chairs and Vice-Chairs Steering Group recommended that the name of the Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee should be changed and it was suggested that it should be changed to the Place Scrutiny Committee. It will be necessary to identify that this will be the scrutiny committee with responsibility for crime and disorder matters.
- 1.4 Any scrutiny review already commenced by a Working Group where that area of responsibility is transferred to another scrutiny committee will not be affected by these changes. The Working Group which is already in place will continue with the review.
- 1.5 The report was considered by the Democratic Services Committee at its meeting on 15th April, 2015 and made the following recommendations to the County Council.

Recommendation to the County Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>(i) that the revised areas of responsibility for the scrutiny committees as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved and included in the new Constitution.</p> <p>(ii) that the name of the Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee be amended to the Place Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>(i) to revise the areas of responsibility for scrutiny committees; and</p> <p>(ii) to amend the name of the Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee.</p>

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y / N	Within Budget:	Y / N

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Clive Pinney / Wyn Richards
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	2015

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

Committee and Membership	Terms of Reference / Areas of Responsibility
<p>Audit</p> <p>21 Councillors – Politically Balanced</p> <p>At least 1 Co-opted Lay Member with voting rights</p> <p>(See Rule 7.5.2 below)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve statement of accounts, income and expenditure and balance sheet; • Commissioning and Procurement Working Group (Joint Working Group with the People Scrutiny Committee) • External Audit Reports; • Finance Monitoring – Council wide; • Internal Audit Reports; • Oversee the authority's internal and external audit arrangements; • Performance Monitoring – Council wide, including workforce; • Review and assess risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements and make reports and recommendations on the adequacy and effectiveness of those arrangements; • Review and scrutinise the authority's financial affairs and make reports and recommendations on the authority's financial affairs; • Review the financial statements prepared by the authority. •
<p>Place Scrutiny Committee (including crime and disorder matters) Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>21 Councillors – Politically Balanced</p> <p>1 Non-Voting Co-optee for crime and disorder functions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and Engineering; • Built Heritage grants • Car parks • Catering; • Cleaning; • Climate Change; • Community Grants. • Council buildings and Property including Maintenance; • Council fleet; • County Farms; • Crime and Disorder – delivering safer communities, road safety; • Customer Services; • Environmental Health; • European matters and RDP • Grounds and Woodlands; • Homes for Older People • Housing Stock; • ICT infrastructure; • Leisure Centres and Sports Centres, Outdoor Recreation, Sports Pitches, Countryside Services/Rights of Way. • Licensing; • Markets • Planning and Development Control; • Regeneration – Grants and Job Creation / Business support (inc. grants) • Regeneration and Procurement (Joint working with the People Scrutiny Committee) • Regeneration and Procurement (Joint working with the Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee) • Roads; • Street cleaning, public conveniences; • Street Lighting; • Tourism; • Trading Standards; • Transportation; • Village Halls; • Waste; Refuse and Re-cycling.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Youth Offending
<p>People Scrutiny Committee Membership: 21 Councillors – Politically Balanced; 3 parent governor representatives; 1 Church in Wales Diocese representative; 1 Roman Catholic Church Diocese representative,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults’ Social Services; • Arts & Culture • Children’s Social Services; • Commissioning and Procurement Working Group (Joint Working Group with the Audit Committee) • Education & Learning; • Equalities and Welsh Language; • Finance – Revenues, Benefits; • Gypsies • Housing-Tenancies and Homelessness. • Libraries, Museums and Archive Services. • Mental Health; • Older People and Health; • Substance Misuse; • Voluntary Sector • Workforce /HR • Youth Services;