

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

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Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To propose the draft Terms of Reference and Scrutiny Protocol to Standards Committee for Members to consider referring to Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference and Scrutiny Protocol be recommended to Council for approval and inclusion in the Constitution in place of the existing Terms of Reference.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

As in the report.

There must be Terms of Reference approved for all Committees.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No
Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None directly
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details: Cabinet Members and all 4 Scrutiny Committees.

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

Yes

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** (reasons for bringing the report)

- 1.1 A new four year Council Plan has been developed and is to be presented to Council at the meeting on 31st November 2023.

1.2 Part of this has included a review of the Scrutiny Committees and their functions. This was reviewed and the new Scrutiny Committees agreed at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2023.

1.3 As part of the continuing development of the new Council Plan, the four Scrutiny Committees have been briefed on the emerging Council Plan and on their role in relation to it. This included consideration of the draft Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference and Scrutiny Protocol.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 Attached at the Appendix are the draft Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference and Scrutiny Protocol that have been informally presented to the Scrutiny Committees.

2.2 These show the place the Scrutiny Committees will have in relation to the Council Plan and their role in the “connecting thread” in relation to the Council Plan,

2.3 These Terms of Reference also include a new enhanced role in policy development and review in relation to all policies which do not form part of the Council’s Budget and Policy Framework. Traditionally it has not been the Scrutiny Committees role to take play a significant role in policy development and review.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 To provide Terms of Reference for the 4 new Scrutiny Committees to work to. Currently there are none.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Alternative Terms of Reference could by developed but they wouldn’t connect to the Council Plan and so have been rejected.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Draft Terms of Reference and Scrutiny Protocol
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
The draft Council Plan 2023 to 2027	