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**Report to:** Corporate Scrutiny Committee

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**Subject:** **Scrutiny and governance arrangements**

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## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To note any changes in scrutiny and governance arrangements pertaining to the Overview and Scrutiny function in general and the Corporate Scrutiny Committee in particular.
- 1.2 To note changes in membership since the last meeting.

## **2. Information**

### Membership changes

- 2.1 The following changes in membership have occurred since the last meeting:
  - Cllr Tony Homewood replaces Cllr Nadeem Ahmed (Wakefield, Conservative)

### Amendments to Scrutiny Standing Orders – substitute arrangements

- 2.2 Following discussion at the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 24 September 2021, amendments to Scrutiny Standing Orders (Part 4 Procedure Rules, Section 4.6 of the Constitution) to clarify substitute pool arrangements and allow scrutiny members currently without a substitute (from the same party and authority on another scrutiny committee) to nominate an additional member to act as their permanent substitute are being proposed at the next Combined Authority meeting on 9 December.
- 2.3 The proposal is that the paragraphs of Scrutiny Standing Order 1 are amended as follows:

*Proposed wording for SSO 1:*

- 1.2 *A member of any overview and scrutiny committee may substitute for any member of a different overview and scrutiny committee from the same party and district.*
- 1.3 *Where a member has no substitute alternate from the same party and district on another overview and scrutiny committee, an additional substitute from the same party and district may be nominated and appointed to act as their substitute.*

2.4 As soon as the amendment is effective, the following Members are entitled to nominate a substitute from their party and group:

<b>Member</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Committee</b>
<b><i>Jeanette Sunderland</i></b>	Bradford	Liberal Democrats	<b><i>Corporate</i></b>
Amanda Parsons-Hulse	Calderdale	Liberal Democrats	Transport
<b><i>Andrew Cooper</i></b>	Kirklees	Greens	<b><i>Corporate</i></b>
Anthony Smith	Kirklees	Liberal Democrats	Transport
Robert Finnigan	Leeds	Morley Borough Independents	Transport
Jonathan Bentley	Leeds	Liberal Democrats	Economy
<b><i>Rachel Melly</i></b>	York	Labour	<b><i>Corporate</i></b>

#### Amendments to Scrutiny Standing Orders – number of meetings

- 2.5 Scrutiny Standing Orders currently obligate scrutiny committees to a certain number of meetings per municipal year. Following a review of constitutions and standing orders in the partner authorities, neighbouring authorities and other mayoral combined authorities, it will be proposed, at the same Combined Authority meeting, that the wording be amended to reflect the current practice that it is up to scrutiny to decide how often they should meet to perform their duties.
- 2.6 The proposal is that the following paragraph in Scrutiny Standing Order 9 is amended as follows.

*Proposed new wording in SSO 9:*

- 9.1 *Overview and scrutiny committees will schedule regular meetings and meet as often as required to effectively discharge their functions.*

### **3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications**

- 3.1 There are no climate emergency implications directly arising from this report.

#### **4. Inclusive Growth Implications**

4.1 There are no inclusive growth implications directly arising from this report.

#### **5. Equality and Diversity Implications**

5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

#### **7. Legal Implications**

7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

#### **8. Staffing Implications**

8.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

#### **9. External Consultees**

9.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

#### **10. Recommendations**

10.1 To note the changes in membership since the last meeting.

10.2 To note the amendments to Scrutiny Standing Orders being proposed at the next Combined Authority meeting on 9 December 2021 as outlined in paragraphs 2.2 – 2.6.

#### **11. Background Documents**

[Scrutiny Standing Orders](#) (Part 4, Section 6- WYCA Constitution) (2021/22)

#### **12. Appendices**

None.