

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2015**

REPORT BY: **MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

SUBJECT: **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To inform the committee of the representations which have been made by the Overview & Scrutiny committees within the new structure for amendments to their terms of reference.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 The Council has recently undergone a review of the Overview & Scrutiny structure. Reports were made to this committee during the process on 15th October 2014, 20th January and 15th April 2015. In addition, a task and finish group gave more in-depth consideration of the proposals.

2.02 The proposed new structure was approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 12th May 2015 and implemented immediately.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 All of the committees within the new structure have now met at least once and in most cases twice. At the initial meeting of each of the committees, a report setting out the terms of reference was submitted and duly considered.

3.02 At the meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee which was held on 14th May 2015, it was resolved that the Constitution Committee be requested to amend the terms of reference of the committee (Corporate Resources) to specifically include a reference to 'Value for Money'.

3.03 For completeness and the avoidance of doubt, it is also suggested that the committee consider the specific inclusion of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan within the terms of reference of Corporate Resources. An amended version of the terms of reference is attached at appendix 1.

3.04 At the meeting of the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee which was held on 15th June, it was resolved as follows:

(a) That the Committee deplore the removal of Leisure Services from the remit of the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee; and

(b) That the Committee be fully informed of any future issues arising around dual use leisure centres where there would be an impact on schools.

It should be noted that despite their expressed concern, the committee has not requested that Leisure Services be included within their terms of reference. Resolution (b) is a reasonable request and can be acted upon.

3.05 The committee is advised that none of the other Overview & Scrutiny committees have requested an amendment to their terms of reference. However, it is suggested that this can be kept under review and that a further report or reports be made to this committee as necessary.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the committee approves the inclusion of references to Value for Money and the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan within the terms of reference of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as shown in appendix 1 to this report.

4.02 That the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee be kept informed of any future issues arising around dual use leisure centres where there would be an impact on schools.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

5.01 None

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None

12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Terms of Reference of the Corporate resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee with suggested amendments shown in italics.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Minute 5 of the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 14th May 2015.

Minutes of the Education & Youth Overview & scrutiny Committee, 15th June 2015.

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