

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DATE:**               **THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2015**

**REPORT BY:**       **CHIEF OFFICER (GOVERNANCE)**

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

**1.00**   **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01    To consider a recommendation from the Constitution Committee to amend the terms of reference for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**2.00**   **BACKGROUND**

2.01    The Council has recently undertaken a review of the Overview & Scrutiny structure.

2.02    The new structure was approved by the Council at its Annual meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May and implemented with immediate effect.

**3.00**   **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01    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 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015, it was resolved that the Constitution Committee be requested to amend the terms of reference of the committee to specifically include a reference to 'Value for Money'.

3.03    For completeness and the avoidance of doubt, it was 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    None of the other Overview & Scrutiny committees 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 the Constitution Committee as necessary.

3.05 The Constitution Committee resolved to recommend the changes to the terms of reference of the Corporate Resources overview & Scrutiny Committee to the Council.

#### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That the Council approves the recommendation from the Constitution Committee for 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.

#### **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**

8.02 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, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Report to the Constitution Committee - Overview & Scrutiny Terms of Reference on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015

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