

INTRODUCTION TO SCRUTINY

Scrutiny Committee – 6 July 2023

Report of: Jim Carrington-West - Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Officer Customer and Resources

Status: For Information

Also considered by: N/A

Key Decision: No

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Recommendation to Scrutiny Committee:

That this report be noted.

Reason for recommendation: This report is for information only.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Since 2013/14 Sevenoaks District Council has operated a Leader and Cabinet model. As part of this model of Governance and alongside Cabinet Advisory Committees which provide a policy overview function, there is a Scrutiny Committee which is tasked with discharging the functions conferred by Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 to support the work of the Cabinet and the Council as a whole.
- 2 The Scrutiny Committee comprises a permanent Chairman and Vice Chairman, and 9 other elected Members, that follow the political proportionality of the Council. No Members of the Committee may be members of the Cabinet, their deputies or members of any of the Cabinet Advisory Committees. The membership of the Committee can be found at Appendix H - Membership of Council Committees, Cabinet and Advisory Committees.
- 3 The main role and scope of the Scrutiny Committee and specific functions are outlined in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution and the procedure rules for the operation of the function are set out in Appendix C to the Council's Constitution.
- 4 Given the start of a new Municipal term and the number of new Councillors on the Scrutiny Committee, the Chief Officer Customer and Resources will give a presentation to further explain the remit of the Committee as set out in the above referenced elements of the Council's Constitution.

Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications to this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal or risk implications related to this report.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment

Conclusions

This report is for information only and Members are requested to note the report.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

[Sevenoaks District Council Constitution - Part 5 - Scrutiny Function](#)

[Sevenoaks District Council Constitution - Appendix C - Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules](#)

[Sevenoaks District Council Constitution - Appendix H - Membership of Council Committees, Cabinet and Advisory Committees](#)

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