

GWYNEDD COUNCIL



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council

Date of meeting:	19 December 2019
Title of Item:	A review of Scrutiny arrangements
Relevant Member:	Councillor John Brynmor Hughes, Audit and Governance Committee Chair
Contact Officer:	Geraint Owen Head of Democratic Services

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

The Council is asked to:

- Continue with the current arrangements, namely Option 1, 3 scrutiny committees, with Housing and Property Department matters being scrutinised by the Care Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee.
- Subject to the decision above, adopt minor amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 to the report on the recommendation of the Monitoring Officer.

2. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

2.1 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1.1 See a copy of the report on the review of scrutiny arrangements submitted to the Audit and Governance Committee for consideration on 28 November 2019 in **Appendix A**.
- 2.1.2 All Members are asked to pay attention to the content of this report in order to understand the reasons for reviewing our existing scrutiny arrangements, the considerations when reviewing, the original options by the working group that carried out the review, the thorough consultation that has taken place and the final options considered.
- 2.1.3 At a meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee, it was determined to recommend to the Full Council to continue with the current scrutiny arrangements, namely Option 1 - three scrutiny committees.
- 2.1.4 As part of the recommendation as well, the decision of the Audit and Governance Committee should be noted, namely that matters of the Housing and Property

Department are scrutinised by the Care Scrutiny Committee on the basis that health and care issues are now linked to housing.

2.2 CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

2.2.1 In light of any change in our scrutiny arrangements, it will be required to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the new arrangements.

2.2.2 Subject to the decision of the Council on the arrangements, the full Council is asked to adopt minor amendments to the Constitution as set out in **Appendix 1** to the report on the recommendation of the Monitoring Officer.

3. ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

3.1 STATUTORY OFFICERS' OBSERVATIONS:

Monitoring Officer:

I have had an opportunity to contribute to the report and the proposed amendments to the Constitution, which I have drafted. On the basis of the recommended option I have no further comments to add in relation to propriety.

Statutory Finance Officer:

The options for the future of the scrutiny function were the subject of discussions at the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee in November 2019. I am satisfied that there are no financial obligations to the decision sought.