

Report to: Cabinet



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Update on the Scrutiny Review recommendations and delivery plan

Report summary:

This report provides Cabinet with an overview of the Scrutiny Review recommendations and the delivery plan to implement the recommendations.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

That Cabinet receive the Scrutiny Review recommendations and endorse the delivery plan and the actions set out in it.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review are actioned and delivered appropriately.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Communications and Democracy
- Economy
- Finance and Assets
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Medium Risk; There are reputational and organisational risks if we do not ensure that we address the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review.

Links to background information [Appendix a – Scrutiny Review delivery plan](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
 - A greener East Devon
 - A resilient economy
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Report in full

The feedback report following the Scrutiny Review set out a series of suggestions and recommendations for the council. The main recommendations were.

- Review Terms of Reference of the three Scrutiny Committees.
- Consideration of short-term investment to the Scrutiny Committee.
- Assign a senior officer to provide expertise and advice at the Committee meetings.
- Provide learning and development opportunities to Committee members.
- An in-depth look at the Scrutiny Protocol and terms of reference for the committees.
- That the approach to work programming for scrutiny is redesigned so anchored by long term strategic issues.
- Improved work-programming.
- Cross-party pre-meetings in advance of scrutiny sessions.
- Scrutiny support and training for officers.
- A process to track recommendations made and impacts arising.

The recommendations have been collated into a delivery plan at appendix a. Council officers have then provided information about how we can deliver those recommendations and the resources required to support this.

Currently we are looking to progress actions in all of the areas set out in the plan and updates on these actions are also included for information.

Financial implications:

There are no significant financial issues to be raised at this time.

Legal implications:

There are no substantive legal issues to be added to the report.