

Report to: Council



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Scrutiny Improvement Plan and Scrutiny Protocol – Recommendation from Joint Meeting of Scrutiny Committee, Overview Committee and Housing Review Board on 15 February 2024

Report summary:

This report sets out the Scrutiny Committee, Overview Committee and Housing Review Board recommendations to Council arising from their consideration of the Scrutiny Improvement Review from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. The report also sets out the Scrutiny Protocol considered at the same meeting.

Note: The references in this report to Paper A and Paper B relate to the relevant reports considered by the Scrutiny Committee, Overview Committee and Housing Review Board containing specific recommendations for Full Council to consider and are appended to this report for reference.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

1. To note the letter and recommendations from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny arising from the scrutiny improvement review attached at Paper A.
2. To request that the Democratic Services Manager prepares an Action Plan identifying the resources required to deliver the eight recommendations from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.
3. To present the Action Plan to a joint meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, Overview Committee and Housing Review Board by 30 April 2024.
4. To approve the draft Scrutiny Protocol attached at Paper B Appendix A.

Reason for recommendation:

To improve the ways of working at East Devon District Council in respect of the Council's overview and scrutiny function to ensure that the function can be carried out effectively.

To ensure that the role of the Scrutiny Committees and the relationship with the Cabinet is clear, effective and is consistent with best practice.

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