

**27 September 2018**

**Feedback for new Overview and Scrutiny Guidance**

**Ward(s)**                      All

**Portfolios:**    Cllr M. Bird - Leader

**Report:**

It has been recently announced that the new guidance for Overview and Scrutiny, will be published in December. The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government are seeking the views of Members on a number of issues to inform the drafting of the new guidance.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Overview Committee, Councillor John Murray, would like the Committee to consider the areas that feedback has been requested upon so that the views of Walsall Members can be used to inform the drafting of the new guidance. Following the debate at the meeting it is proposed that Councillor Murray, as Chair of the Committee, writes to the Ministry with the views of the Committee.

As part of the information gathering exercise for the new guidance a meeting of the West Midlands Overview and Scrutiny Network is taking place at 10am-12pm on 3 October 2018 in Wolverhampton. This meeting is open to Members to attend.

Further background about the drafting of the guidance and the areas which the views of Members are sought is attached in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Recommendations:**

**That the Committee consider the areas of on which feedback has been requested for the new Overview and Scrutiny Guidance and submit their views to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government**

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