

Scrutiny Overview Committee

**Agenda
Item No. 5**

6 July 2015

Review of Overview and Scrutiny in Walsall

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: All

Report:

During March and April 2015 Professor Steve Leach of De Montfort University undertook a review of the overview and scrutiny function at Walsall Council. He interviewed key stakeholders, reviewed data and observed each of the council's scrutiny committees. Following the review he produced a report detailing his findings. This includes a series of recommendations for the future operation of the scrutiny function. A copy of the report is enclosed as appendix (1) to this report.

Following Professor Leach's report, Council approved a new scrutiny structure at its meeting held on 3 June 2015. A copy of this structure together with remits for the committees is attached as appendix (2) to this report.

Recommendations:

That Members consider the findings of the Leach report and provide direction in terms of the implementation and development of the recommendations contained within the report.

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