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Scrutiny Survey

Ward(s): All

Portfolios: All

1. Aim

To give Members the opportunity to comment on a draft scrutiny survey of all elected members.

2. Recommendations

That:

- 1. subject to any comments Members may wish to make, the scrutiny survey, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, be approved.**
- 2. the results of the survey be report back to a future meeting to enable areas for improvement to be identified.**

3. Report detail – know

The Council has continually reviewed its scrutiny process and sought to make improvements over recent years.

As part of this continuous review, at its meeting on 15 April 2021, the Committee received a detailed report on scrutiny best practice and benchmarking with other local authorities.

In order to gain further insight on how scrutiny in Walsall could be improved it was agreed that a Member survey on scrutiny and how it could be improved would be undertaken in the new municipal year.

Democratic Services have worked with the Corporate Consultation team to develop the proposal that is contained at Appendix 1 to the report.

The survey enclosed is representative of how the finished article would look. Further work is required before placing it online. For example, routing will be applied to give members different pathways dependent on the answers that they provide when undertaking the survey.

4. Financial information

There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

5. Reducing Inequalities

None directly related to this report.

6. Decide

Members are asked to consider the draft survey and offer any comments that they may have. If the survey does not meet the expectations of Members then other methods of gaining information and/or reviewing scrutiny can be explored.

7. Respond

If Members are in agreement with the survey then it is planned for this to take place in July 2021.

8. Review

If Members are in agreement with the survey then the findings can be reported to the Committee's next meeting in September 2021.

Background papers

None

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