

**23 June 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 Member's reflect on the findings of the Leach report and consider how they can be implemented as part of the Committees areas of focus for 2015/16.**

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