

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Director responsible for Democratic Services**

Report to:	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</b>
Date:	<b>21 December 2015</b>
Subject:	<b>Review of Scrutiny</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides an opportunity for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to consider the independent report arising out of a review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements.

**Actions Required:**

Councillors are invited to consider any recommendations from the Council after its consideration of the report into a review of scrutiny, and determine the next steps.

## **1. Background**

1.1 At its meeting on 18 December 2015 the County Council was due to consider the results of a review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements carried out by East Midlands Councils, which included recommendations for making those arrangements more effective.

1.2 The review, carried out by Dr Stuart Young, Executive Director of East Midlands Councils, included informal discussions with councillors and officers, first hand observations at scrutiny meetings and research into good practice elsewhere.

1.3 Dr Young's final report, which contained 17 recommendations, is attached to this report (see Appendix 1).

1.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is expected to play a significant role in the implementation of any changes agreed by Council. At its November meeting the Committee decided to include the scrutiny review final report on the agenda of its December meeting. A webcast of the Council debate will be available.

## 2. Conclusion

2.1 Having commissioned an external and independent review of its scrutiny arrangements, the Council is due to consider a number of recommendations that seek to make those arrangements more effective. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee is invited to consider the results of that Council discussion.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix 1	Review of Scrutiny - final report

## 5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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