

## 97. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FUNCTION REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation & Resources, as contained on pages 911 to 954 of the Book of Reports, which set out the recommendations of the Member Development Commission following a review of the Overview & Scrutiny function at West Lancashire.

A Motion, circulated prior to the meeting, was moved and seconded.

A vote was taken the Motion was CARRIED.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That it be noted, that an in-house 'Overview & Scrutiny at West Lancashire' training session will be held each year following a local election with a further session on 'Best Practice Scrutiny' being arranged with an external trainer in the year that there are no local elections, as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report.
  - B. That it be noted, that Council at its meeting held on 24 February 2021, approved the timetable of meetings for 2021/22, to allow for Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held prior to Cabinet, to accommodate pre-scrutiny, with a Special 'Call In' Meeting of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee being scheduled following Cabinet, to meet as and when required, as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report.
  - C. That it be noted, that Members of Overview & Scrutiny Committees will be asked to submit questions in advance of Overview & Scrutiny meetings.
  - D. That it be noted, that scoring of submitted in-depth scrutiny topics will be scored by a Panel consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokespersons of the Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
  - E. That 'The Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules at Constitution 14' be amended to read:

### "Attendance by others

- (a) ***The leaders of the political groups on the Council*** shall be allowed to attend each Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to speak but not vote on any issue under consideration, ***with the consent of the Chairman.***
- F. That no change be made to Constitution 9.2: Members' Update Procedure Rules and the form for submitting Members Update Items, attached at Appendix 2 to the report, and information items continue to be reported via the Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Members Update, subject to G below.

- G. That the terms of reference of the Member Development Commission be extended to review the number and remit of Overview & Scrutiny Committees at West Lancashire, including the Members Update procedure rules, by comparing Overview & Scrutiny structures of other similar Local Authorities, and submit recommendations to Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Council, if appropriate, which should include any additional staff resource required, with an implementation date of May 2022.