

Minute of Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 13 January 2022

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FUNCTION REVIEW - MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation and Resources as contained on pages 1387 to 1398 of the Book of Reports, which was to consider recommendations of the Member Development Commission, following a review of Scrutiny Arrangements of West Lancashire Borough Council, and to authorise next steps.

The report had previously been considered by Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 9 December 2021.

The Chairman gave an overview of the details contained within the report.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Structure of Task & Finish Groups - Membership/Chairing of Groups/ Terms of Reference / Reporting arrangement
- Resources allocated
- Welcome of Task and Finish Groups – Involvement at all levels

The Democratic Services Manager Informed Members that the report would be presented to Extraordinary Council on 27 January 2022 in order to give extra capacity to the February Council Agenda.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Review undertaken by the Member Development Commission on behalf of the Council, previously adopted and implemented set out in paragraph 6 of the report, be noted, and the following recommendations of the Member Development Commission set out in paragraph 7.2 C be endorsed, as follows:

- "(i) That the Council continue with 2 scrutiny committees (Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee)
- (ii) That Corporate & Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee establish Task and finish Groups to undertake in depth scrutiny work rather than that work being undertaken by the main Committee.
- (iii) That a permanent role of Member Services Officer at Grade SO1 at 10 hours per week be created to facilitate this work.
- (iv) That the Members Update to remain in its current format."

