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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the terms of reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to take account of the revised officer senior management structure.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the revised terms of reference for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as set out at Appendix A, be approved.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The terms of reference for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee were agreed at the Annual Council meeting on 26 May 2015 and quoted that the Committee was responsible for scrutiny of services within the purview of the Strategic Director (Resources). The Community Select Committee is responsible for scrutiny of services that report to the Strategic Director (Community) and the Environment & Economy Select Committee has responsibility for the services that report to the Strategic Director (Environment).
- 3.2 On 1 June 2015 Scott Crudgington, the new Chief Executive took office and his former post of Strategic Director (Resources) was deleted from the establishment reducing the Senior Management Board to three members.
- 3.3 Previously the Chief Executive had no individual services within his purview but as a consequence of the reduction in the Senior Management Board reporting lines were revised with the Assistant Director (Finance), Borough Solicitor and Head of Business Strategy, Community & Customer Services now reporting directly to the Chief Executive. Therefore, currently, the services of these three senior officers are not included in the terms of reference of any Scrutiny body.
- 3.4 Accordingly, it is recommended that the terms of reference for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee be amended to delete reference to the services within the purview of the Strategic Director (Resources) and in place include responsibility for the scrutiny of those services that report directly to the Chief Executive.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- The Constitutional Issues report to Annual Council – 26 May 2015
<http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/content/committees/139616/139701/139721/140268>

APPENDICES

- Appendix A – Revised Terms of Reference – Overview &Scrutiny Committee