

## 9. CHANGES TO THE THREE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

REPORT OF: HEAD OF REGULATORY SERVICES  
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Wards Affected: ALL  
Key Decision No

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### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council acceptance of proposals for change to the current Scrutiny Committees following the changes to Cabinet member responsibilities.

### Recommendations

2. **It is recommended that Council formally accepts the modifications to the Scrutiny Committees set out at paragraphs 6 - 8 of this report and request the Constitution is updated accordingly forthwith**
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### Background

3. At the meeting of Council on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016, the Leader set out new Cabinet Portfolios and Service Areas.
4. Consequently, the Constitutional Review Group was referred to the new Cabinet responsibilities and asked to review the Scrutiny Committees.

### Proposed Modifications

5. The three Scrutiny Committees have worked well on the basis of those committees having two Cabinet members present to discuss items in their portfolio at the invitation of the Chairman. This approach, the existing pattern and dates of meetings would be maintained.

The proposed modifications therefore are as follows:

6. The Scrutiny Committee for Planning and Economic Development would be: Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning.  
Councillors Webster and MacNaughton would attend this committee.
7. The Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community would be: Scrutiny Committee for Customer Services and Service Delivery  
Councillors Marsh and Thomas-Atkin would attend to this committee.
8. The Scrutiny Committee for Leader and Service Delivery would be: Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Resources and Economic Growth  
Councillors Wall and Ash-Edwards would attend this committee.

### Rationale

9. The present Leisure and Community Committee has had a large workload in the areas of recycling and housing. The housing element would go to 'Community, Housing and Planning' and the recycling element would remain with 'Customer Services and Service Delivery'. Therefore the workload would be better spread across the three Committees.

#### **Other Options Considered**

7. Scrutiny Committees shadowing the work of Cabinet members has worked well over the past three years, with Cabinet members in attendance at the meeting to answer questions raised by members or on wider issues affecting their portfolios at the invitation of the Committee Chairman. Breaking this link does not seem to have any advantages.

#### **Financial Implications**

8. These changes do not present financial implications

#### **Risk Management Implications**

9. These changes do not give rise to increased risk.

#### **Equality and customer service implications**

10. These changes do not appear to present adverse equality or customer service implications.

#### **Other Material Implications**

11. The legal requirement is to have at least one Scrutiny Committee. At Mid Sussex this minimum number would fail to engage with sufficient councillors.