

Summary Sheet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 21 February 2018

Report Title

DCLG Select Committee Report – Effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Summary

The DCLG (Department for Communities and Local Government) Select Committee conducted a review of the effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny in local authorities and published its report in December 2017. The report discusses the role of scrutiny, party politics and organisational culture, accessing information, resources, Member training and skill and scrutiny of combined authorities.

The Select Committee has made a number of recommendations in respect of increasing the effectiveness and profile of scrutiny in local authorities. A number of the recommendations are already in practice in Rotherham. The report is submitted for information and discussion to inform the ongoing development of the scrutiny function locally.

Recommendations

1. That the report be noted.
2. That consideration be given to any learning or improvements that can be made to scrutiny in Rotherham arising from the findings and recommendations of the DCLG Select Committee report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A – DCLG Select Commission Report - Effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No