

G33/17 Addendum – Agenda Item 12 ‘Scrutiny Structures Review’

Extracts from the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board minutes of the meeting held on 6 April 2017 and the Accounts and Governance Committee held on 13 April 2017.

Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board Minutes

Date: 6 April 2017 Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman:	Councillor S Orchard	
Vice Chairman:	Councillor J Raine	
Councillors:	P Breen	J Derbyshire
	I Chambers	M Robinson
Standing Deputies:	Councillor J Tompkins	
	Councillor M Tonkin	
Officers Present:	Tony McGuinness, Financial Services Manager	
	Matthew Neal, Deputy Chief Executive (for part of the meeting only)	
Others Present:	Councillor K Beaty (for part of the meeting only)	
Democratic Services Officer:	Vivien Little and Lauren Rushen	

SCb/58/4/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Connell, Councillor Tompkins attended as a substitute, Councillor Smith, Councillor Tonkin attended as a substitute, and Councillor Thompson.

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SCb/64/4/17 Scrutiny Structures Review

The Board considered report G33/17 of the Deputy Chief Executive which set out proposals arising out of an informal working group of Members. The report suggested structural changes to the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and the Housing and Communities. It also reported on the change to the means by which scrutiny reviews are selected.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council be recommended to reduce the number of standing Members on Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and the Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee from thirteen to nine from the start of 2017-2018 Municipal year.
2. That the changes to the Scrutiny Review Work Programme consultation timescales be noted.

Accounts and Governance Committee Minutes

Date: 13 April 2017 Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P Breen

Vice Chairman: Councillor A Connell

Councillors: K Greenwood M Robinson
S Orchard

Standing Deputies: Councillor J Tompkins

Officers Present: Clive Howey, Director of Finance
Matthew Neal, Deputy Chief Executive

Democratic Services Officer: Vivien Little

AGc/104/4/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor, Councillor Tompkins attended as a substitute, and Councillor Jackson.

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AGC/111/4/17 Scrutiny Structures Review

The Committee considered report G33/17 of the Deputy Chief Executive which set out proposals arising out of an informal working group of Members. The report suggested structural changes to the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and the Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee. It also reported one change to the means by which scrutiny reviews are selected resulting in a shortening of timescales for devising scrutiny priorities. The Deputy Chief Executive pointed out that the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board had on 6 April 2017 recommended the proposals within the report to Council. He acknowledged that the Accounts and Governance Committee was in no way bound by the views of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to reduce the number of standing Members on Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee from thirteen to nine from the start of the 2017-2018 Municipal Year.