

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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Title: Scrutiny Ways of Working

Ward: Citywide

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Recommendation

The following activity be undertaken to continue to test and develop the new ways of working:

- 1) That members of OSMB continue to:
 - * Submit feedback on the ways of working to their party leads
 - * Actively seek feedback from other members
- 2) That members of OSMB agree that all feedback be routed to the party leads who will meet once a month to work through the feedback
- 3) The outcomes of the party leads discussion to be incorporated into the Scrutiny Ways of Working FAQs and this be a standing item for OSMB
- 4) That members agree to the hosting of a lesson learnt session on the libraries task and finish groups



Summary

Bristol Scrutiny is currently trialing a new approach to scrutiny. This approach is being led by OSMB and the result of a number of workshop and hot house sessions.

In September and October 2017 the model of using task and finish groups to undertake scrutiny activity was tested for the first time and feedback is actively being sought from members on areas of improvement, strength or concern. To support this it is proposed that a lessons learnt session be organized with members to review how the Libraries task and finish group operated. This session would be coordinated by the council's change team.

It is proposed that the item: Scrutiny Ways of Working; be kept as a ten minute standing item on the agenda for every OSMB meeting to provide a forum for members to highlight key points.

It is proposed that all feedback be collated and discussed at the monthly political leads meeting. The political leads are:

- Cllr Geoff Gollop (Conservative)
- Cllr Anna Keen (Labour)
- Cllr Jude English (Green)
- Cllr Anthony Negus (Liberal Democrat)

Each month they will review the feedback and agree ways of responding to the items raised. These responses will be communicated by the Scrutiny team to OSMB and also included in the Scrutiny Ways of Working FAQs document (Appendix A) which will be a standing paper to OSMB.

At this time it has been agreed that no permanent changes will be made to the council's constitution until such time as members feel they have developed, tested and evaluated a new model for scrutiny.