

Report to Cabinet

Subject: Scrutiny Report: Report of the Executive-Scrutiny Protocol working group.

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Wards Affected

Borough wide

1. Purpose of the Report

To present the report and recommendations of the working group that have developed an Executive-Scrutiny Protocol which will help define the relationship between the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet. Members are asked to consider the report, previously approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and refer the report to the appropriate Cabinet Member in order for a response to be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the next meeting on 27 April 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Consider and agree the principles set out in the protocol; and
- 2) Refer to the appropriate Cabinet Member in order for a response to be made to the Overview Scrutiny Committee.

2. Background

Members are reminded that part of the remit of Scrutiny is to deal with wider service or policy issues through the establishment of working groups, which take an in depth view of Council policies and plans as directed by the Overview Scrutiny Committee, and make recommendations to Cabinet accordingly. In

accordance with the Scrutiny Improvement Plan 2010, a review is commissioned when:

- There is added value that this work will bring to the core priorities of the Council
- It is likely to make a difference if a working group undertake this work
- It is likely to lead to improved performance
- It is likely that the working group's recommendations will improve the lives of the residents of Gedling Borough
- It will increase Member awareness of important issues

3. Proposal

Members are asked to consider the protocol which has been approved by the Overview Scrutiny Committee for referral to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options

Under Executive governance arrangements the Cabinet is required to consider reports from the Scrutiny Committee so there are no alternative options.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1: The final report of the Executive-Scrutiny Protocol working group.

6. Background papers

None identified.

7. Reasons for Recommendations

To comply with Executive governance arrangements and fulfil the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.