

Agenda Item No: 5

## Report title: Overview and Scrutiny Draft Annual Report & Committee Feedback on Centre for Governance and Scrutiny Review

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Public report: Yes

From: Cllr Dupre

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Recommendations: The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is recommended to

a) Comment on the draft Annual Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22 (Appendix 1) before it is submitted to the Combined Authority Board.

b) Approve the draft report subject to agreed changes.

c) Comment on the O&S Committee Review of Centre for Governance

& Scrutiny Recommendations report

d) Approve the O&S Committee Review of Centre for Governance &

Scrutiny Recommendations report to CA Board.

Voting arrangements: simple majority of members present and voting.

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been in operation since May 2017. The Committee met nine times during the 2021/22 municipal year.
- 1.2 The Committee provides independent challenge and acts as a critical friend for the Combined Authority Board and the Mayor in their decision making.



1.3 The Draft Annual Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the work carried out by the Committee over the municipal year 2021/22. (Appendix 1.)

## 2. Background

- 2.1 It is considered good practice for Overview and Scrutiny Committee's to prepare an Annual report to be presented to the Combined Authority to inform them of work undertaken.
- 2.2 This Annual Report is a summary of the work Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) has done this year, what has worked well and what issues need further concentration next year.
- 2.3 The report also includes a summary of the review undertaken by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny and the actions and recommendations that the Committee have endeavoured to implement and embed to adapt the way the Committee operates.
- 2.4 The CA Board received the CfGS report in September 2021 and requested that the O&S Committee report back on progress and that the Committee provide the Board with their view on how the review has helped the Committee to add value to the CPCA and improve the way in which the committee carries out its work the report is at Appendix 2 of the Annual report for review and comment from the Committee before being recommended to the CA Board.
- 3. Financial Implications
- 3.1 None
- 4. Legal Implications
- 4.1 None
- 5. Background Papers
- 5.1 CA Board Papers September 2021