



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 9

Report title: Review of Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements – Centre for Governance and Scrutiny’s Findings & Recommendations

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 28 June 2021

Public report: Yes

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The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

Recommendations: a) Note the report from Centre for Governance & Scrutiny
b) Determine whether the proposals within the report should be actioned, with an implementation plan for a revised operating model being brought back to the Committee in July.

Voting arrangements: Simple majority of all members

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the report and recommendations from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny who carried out a review of the current scrutiny arrangements at the CPCA .

2. Background

2.1 The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny published their second edition on guidance to overview and scrutiny in Combined Authorities. This second edition reflects upon the past three years of practice since the introduction of CA’s. It provides guidance around how scrutiny can best operate in practice.

The guidance may be found here: [Revised guidance: Overview and Scrutiny in Combined Authorities - Centre For Governance and Scrutiny \(cfgs.org.uk\)](https://www.cfgs.org.uk/revised-guidance-overview-and-scrutiny-in-combined-authorities)

- 2.2 Following this guidance being published the CPCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee held an informal workshop with CfGS to discuss some of the points raised within the guidance and requested that a proposal be brought forward from CfGS to carry out a review of the current scrutiny arrangements at the CPCA.
- 2.3 The CA Board approved that request and a review was carried out over March and April.
- 2.4 The report from Centre for Governance and Scrutiny is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.5 It is envisioned that the Committee will continue to operate as they have been with their current working arrangements until proposals for reform are formally adopted and implemented.
- 2.6 Further work with CFGS will be necessary to implement a revised operating model.
3. **Financial Implications**
 - 3.1 None
4. **Legal Implications**
 - 4.1 None.
5. **Appendices**
 - 5.1 Appendix 1 – CfGS Report.
6. **Background Papers**
 - 6.1 [O&S March Report](#)
 - 6.2 [O&S March Appendix](#)
 - 6.3 [CA Board Report - March](#)