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COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 5

Report title: Review of Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements Update

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 23 August 2021

Public report: Yes

From: Anne Gardiner
Governance Manager

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

Recommendations: a) Note and comment on the update from officers.

Voting arrangements: Simple majority of all members

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the work being carried out by officers in relation to the actions recommended by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.

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 Committee received the recommendations out their meeting on the 28th June 2021 and a further report detailing the timetable for the actions at their meeting on the 26th July 2021.
- 2.4 The attached Action Log details what progress has been made and planned actions over the coming months.
- 2.5 The recommendations and actions from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny will be taken to CA Board on the 29th September 2021.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 None.

5. Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – O&S Review Action Log

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 [O&S March Report](#)
- 6.2 [O&S March Appendix](#)
- 6.3 [CA Board Report - March](#)
- 6.4 [O&S Report – 28th June 2021](#)
- 6.5 [O&S Report – 26th July 2021](#)