



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 5

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

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 26 July 2021

Public report: Yes

From: Anne Gardiner
Governance Manager

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

Recommendations: a) Note the scrutiny improvement review action plan and timetable from Centre for Governance & Scrutiny

Voting arrangements: Simple majority of all members

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the action plan 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 Committee received the recommendations at their meeting on the 28th June 2021 and requested that a further report detailing the work programme for implementing the changes be brought to this meeting.
- 2.4 The report from Centre for Governance and Scrutiny detailing the action plan is attached at Appendix 1. The timetable in Appendix 1 should align with the arrival of the Combined Authority's new Chief Executive Officer therefore adjustment is recommended.
- 2.5 In relation to meetings, proposed within the action plan, between the Mayor and the Chair of the Committee, the attendance of Vice-Chair of the Committee is also recommended.
- 2.6 The Committee will continue to work with CfGS to embed the new operating model, as applicable.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 None.

5. Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – CfGS Report of 15 July 2021.

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](#)