

VENUE FOR SCRUTINY MEETINGS

Joint Report of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) & Director of Public Health

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To update the committee on the following resolution made at the meeting on 27 September 2021:-

“(2) That the Director of Public Health and the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the scrutiny committee identifying (i) a criteria for the return to face-to-face meetings of scrutiny committees; and (ii) a mechanism for ameliorating concerns expressed by members with regard to the constitutional position of undertaking scrutiny on an informal basis.”

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Resolution (2)(ii) was addressed by an assurance given by the Leader of the Council at the Council Meeting on 7 October 2021 that all comments made at remote scrutiny meetings will be given the same weight by the Cabinet as if they had been made at face-to-face meetings.
- 2.2. With regard to resolution (2)(i) given the changing nature of the virus and the speed at which it change the Director of Public Health will attend the meeting on 8 September 2021 to provide verbal update in relation to the current position and the committee's request for a criteria for the return to face-to-face meetings.

3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. Members are asked to note this report and following the verbal update from the Director of Public Health at the meeting on 8 November 2021, consider whether they wish Scrutiny Committee Meetings to return to physical face-to-face meetings and if so when and whether any criteria needs to be satisfied before such meetings re-commence face to face (such as the level of coronavirus rates, vaccination uptake rates and/or advice from the council's Director of Public Health) and what mitigations need to be continued and/or put in place to hold face-to-face meetings.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

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