

## **RECOMMENDATION FROM SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

### **Report of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance)**

#### **1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 13 December 2021, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered an item that had been placed on the agenda at the request of the Chair (Councillor Mark Roberts) in relation to the 'Cabinet responses to Scrutiny Reviews'.

#### **2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1 The Chair reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at his request to enable the scrutiny committee to discuss the response of the Cabinet to scrutiny reviews previously undertaken by scrutiny committees during the 2020/21 municipal year and whether this complied with Rule 10.3(b) of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Consideration of Scrutiny Committee reports by the Cabinet) in the constitution, specifically that:-

“a formal response given within 8 weeks of that consideration and reported to the Scrutiny Committee.”

- 2.2 The Chair stated that it was his understanding that none of the scrutiny reviews undertaken in the previous municipal year had yet received a formal response. It was further commented that there was no mechanism within the constitution for failures to comply with this procedure rule, and that consideration should be given to remedying this.

#### **3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee debated the matter and subsequently RESOLVED –

(1) That the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) be requested to include an item on the agenda of the Constitution Working Party asking that consideration be given to instituting a mechanism for dealing with failures by the Cabinet to comply with the provisions of Scrutiny Procedure Rule 10.3(b).

(2) That the Cabinet be recommended to comply with their duty under Scrutiny Procedure Rule 10.3(b) and provide formal responses to those scrutiny reviews undertaken during the 2020/21 municipal year.

- 3.2 The Cabinet is recommended to give consideration to the above resolutions.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none

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