

Report to: **SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP BOARD**

Relevant Officer: Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

Date of Decision 5 March 2020

EXECUTIVE/SCRUTINY PROTOCOL

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the revised Executive/Scrutiny Protocol.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To endorse the protocol and forward it to Council for approval, noting that it will first be considered by the Executive on 16 March 2020.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The protocol sets out the basis for a positive relationship between the Executive and Scrutiny.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is: "Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

5.0 Background Information

5.1 During 2019/2020 the Scrutiny Leadership Board has undertaken a review of the former protocol on Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Cabinet Member Relations. To carry out the review a workshop was held with the Scrutiny Leadership Board Members and Councillor Gillian Campbell, who attended the workshop on

behalf of the Executive. The workshop sought to draw out what Members would like to see form the basis of a protocol between the Executive and Scrutiny.

5.2 Following the workshop, a draft protocol was produced based on the comments made and considered informally by the Scrutiny Leadership Board with the attendance of the Leader of the Council at its previous meeting.

5.3 The revised protocol is attached at Appendix 5(a) and will be submitted to the Executive for consideration at its meeting on 16 March 2020 before being submitted to Council for approval.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 5(a): Executive/Scrutiny Protocol.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 There is no legal requirement to have a protocol, although it is considered best practice in the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Not applicable.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Not applicable.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 Not applicable.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Not applicable.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.