

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 18 January 2019

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

'Does Local Government Work for Women?' Task and Finish Group Report (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Provided at Appendix 'A' is the report of the 'Does Local Government Work for Women?' Task and Finish Group.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Support the recommendations of the Task Group, as set out in the report at Appendix 'A'.
- ii. Consider the appropriate mechanism for reviewing the responses to the Task Group's recommendations.

Background and Advice

Following a notice of motion submitted at the 26 October 2017 meeting of Full Council on the Fawcett Society and the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) report 'Does Local Government Work for Women?', the county council requested that the Internal Scrutiny Committee establishes a task and finish group to further explore the findings of the report and make recommendations as to good practices which could be adopted by the county council.

Membership of the Task and Finish Group

The following County Councillors were appointed to the task and finish group:

- Hasina Khan
- Erica Lewis (Chair)
- Cosima Towneley
- Anne Cheetham
- Joan Burrows
- David Foxcroft
- Gina Dowding

Scope of the Scrutiny Review

The focus of the task and finish group was to:

- To review the report and the recommendations detailed within the report 'Does Local Government Work for Women?'
- To discuss and agree recommendations which could be further reviewed by the task group.
- To consider the scope of the work required by the task group (including key contacts, evidence requirements, schedule of meeting dates).
- To consider the format of evidence gathering (surveys, interviews, desktop exercises etc).
- From investigations conducted, a report produced with recommendations to relevant stakeholders and cabinet members.

The final draft report can be found at Appendix 'A' and members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee are asked to:

- i. Support the recommendations of the Task Group, as set out in the report at Appendix 'A';
- ii. Consider the appropriate mechanism for reviewing the responses to the Task Group's recommendations.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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