

## Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 17 May 2019

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

### 'Does Local Government Work for Women?' Task and Finish Group Report - Response to Recommendations

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### Executive Summary

In March 2019, the Internal Scrutiny Committee published a task and finish group report on ['Does Local Government Work for Women?'](#).

In accordance with agreed protocols, the Leader of the County Council has been asked to provide a response to the recommendations included as part of the task and finish group's report. This is set out at Appendix 'A'.

#### Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive and comment on the response to the task and finish group report from the Leader of the County Council.

#### 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.

In accordance with statutory requirements the Leader of the County Council has provided a response which is set out at Appendix 'A'.

Members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive and comment on the response provided.

## **Consultations**

NA

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications. The task and finish group's report reflected the views and recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny. It did not necessarily reflect the views of the county council. In many cases, suggestions were made for further consideration to be given to issues, and this may need to include an appropriate assessment of the legal and financial risks and implications. The response from the Leader of the County Council does not necessarily equate to an assessment of the legal and financial risks and implications at this stage, merely that a commitment will or won't be pursued by them in relation to each recommendation.

## **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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