

SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – COMMUNITIES AND PLACE

Meeting date: 10 March 2023

From: Assistant Director – Customer and Community Services

Communities and Place Reflective Review

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report provides Communities and Place Scrutiny Advisory Board Members with the opportunity to share their views on significant scrutiny areas for the future. Scrutiny Members' views will be captured and shared with Members and Senior Officers of the two new unitary Councils established in Cumbria on 1 April 2023 to inform work programming within the new Scrutiny arrangements.

2.0 Issues for Scrutiny

- 2.1 Members are asked to share their views on significant scrutiny areas/items for the future, with a particular focus on
- What current scrutiny areas/items are important to the Board, and why?
 - What historic scrutiny areas/items would the Board highlight as significant, and why?
 - What scrutiny areas/items would the Board identify for future scrutiny?

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Scrutiny Members undertook some evaluation activity over the summer of 2022 on the Council's scrutiny function and a review of the activity of each Scrutiny Board and Committee. The findings of this evaluation and review activity were captured in the Scrutiny Review report considered by Scrutiny Management Board (SMB) in September 2022. An abridged version of this report is attached as Appendix 1 of this paper for Members' reference.
- 3.2 As part of the closure of Cumbria County Council and the transition of responsibilities to Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council from April 2023, each Council Scrutiny Board or Committee is being given the opportunity to reflect on the significant issues and service areas

that they would identify as areas of significance for scrutiny in the future, based on their scrutiny activity and experience.

- 3.3 Feedback from all the Scrutiny Boards and Committees will be collated and shared with SMB Members by the end of March. It will then be shared with the two new councils' Scrutiny Committee Members, alongside other similar information and feedback collected through the relevant District Councils, as part of the information for their consideration to inform their scrutiny work programming and future activity.

Tracey Moran
Policy and Scrutiny Project Officer
28 February 2023

Appendices

Appendix 1 – CCC Scrutiny Review report (Abridged version: main report and C&P Appendix only)

Previous Relevant Council or Executive Decisions ***[including Local Committees]***

No previous relevant decisions

Background Papers

No background papers

Contact: Tracey Moran, Policy and Scrutiny Project Officer, 07814481177, tracey.moran@cumbria.gov.uk