



Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities

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The attached document is the newly published statutory guidance on Overview and Scrutiny. This has been revised as a result of the Select Committee's review

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
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Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Consider and comment on the draft work programme for 2019/20

Category of Report: OPEN

1 Why has the new guidance been published?

- 1.1 In December 2017, the Communities and Local Government Select Committee published a report on the Effectiveness of Local Authority overview and scrutiny committees. The inquiry was set up to examine whether the overview and scrutiny model introduced by the Local Government Act 2000 was meeting its objectives and how decision-makers can best be held to account. This was reported to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on the 19th April 2018.
- 1.2 The recommendations from this report had implications for the statutory guidance in existence at the time. The Government, in response to the Select Committee's report, therefore undertook to revise this guidance. The new guidance was published in May 2019 and is attached to this report.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- Discuss and note the revised statutory guidance

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