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of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee review**

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Briefing note on Overview and Scrutiny Committee review

This briefing note provides an update on the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee review and the current position regarding scrutiny activity.

A number of changes to the structure and approach of the O&S Committee have been implemented. These include a review of how topics are selected and how scrutiny is carried out, with the intention of improving the effectiveness and focus of committee work.

Some elements of the review have already been completed. This includes initial discussions on priorities, consideration of potential areas for scrutiny, and agreement on the need for a more structured approach to reviewing key issues.

In order to make further progress on in depth scrutiny, the committee will need to identify specific topics for review and establish bespoke working groups. Those groups are necessary to carry out in-depth review and investigation on specific topics. Without these working groups, the committee is currently unable to progress the scrutiny function beyond high-level discussion.

At present, the committee continues to operate at a strategic level, but the detailed scrutiny activity remains on hold until appropriate working groups are set up to support this work.

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