

Slough Borough Council

Report To: Council

Date: 21 November 2022

Subject: Scrutiny Improvement Review –
Recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny
Committee

1. Summary and Recommendations

- 1.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the report on the Scrutiny Improvement Review at its meeting on 17th November 2022 as set out in the Council agenda published on 14th November 2022. This update paper includes the recommendations of the Committee from that meeting.
- 1.2 The Committee agreed two adjustments to the proposed recommendations. Firstly, to shorten the phrase ‘...as soon as practicable ahead of May 2023’ in recommendation (d) by removing the words ‘ahead of May 2023’. Secondly, by adding a clause asking the proposed Working Group to give consideration to having two scrutiny committees rather than the single one recommended by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.

2. Recommendations:

- 1) That the O&S Committee recommends to Council:
 - a) That the actions to date and next steps in the Scrutiny Improvement Action Plan at Appendix B be noted
 - b) That the findings of the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny’s Scrutiny Improvement Review at Appendix A be noted
 - c) That the recommendations found in section 3 of the Scrutiny Improvement Review Feedback Report Letter be endorsed.
 - d) That a Scrutiny Working Group be reconvened in order to make recommendations to council, as soon as practicable, about the detailed changes to Overview and Scrutiny, plus associated constitutional changes, and that consideration be given to recommending a second committee in addition to the proposed Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee.