

**Teignbridge District Council  
Full Council  
28 November 2023  
Part i**

**REVERTING TO ONE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with further information around the recommendation from Procedures Committee of 2 October 2023 to merge the two Overview & Scrutiny Committees to form one committee of 26 Members.

**Recommendation**

That the Overview & Scrutiny Committees merge to form one Overview & Scrutiny Committee of 26 Members to come into effect on 1 January 2024.

And any other reference to this in the Constitution be amended accordingly.

**Financial Implications**

The financial implications are detailed in 4.1.  
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**Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.  
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**Risk Assessment**

There are no significant risks arising from this report.  
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**Environmental/ Climate Change Implications**

There are no Environmental/Climate Change Implications arising out of this report.  
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## Appendices/Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Decision Making Structure

### 1. PURPOSE

To consider merging the two Overview & Scrutiny Committees to form one committee of 26 Members.

### 2. SUMMARY

**2.1** The Council has been reviewing changes to the Constitution which included its Committee Structure for some time. The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CFGs) have also looked at the Councils Committee Structure as part of their review of the governance arrangements within the Council.

**2.2** On 25 July 2023 a Notice of Motion was submitted to Full Council as follows:-

*'It is proposed that the council revert from the two Overview and Scrutiny committees (1&2) back to having a single Overview and Scrutiny committee that covers all areas of the council's business.*

*The change should be more efficient in terms of staff time and resources, with one workplan, one set of agendas and minutes. And thus save money'*

**2.3** This Notice of Motion was referred to Procedures Committee and considered at its meeting on 2 October 2023 in which it recommended to Full Council that that the Overview & Scrutiny Committees are merged to have one Overview & Scrutiny Committee of 26 Members this would come into effect on 1 January 2024.

**2.4** The proposed merged Overview & Scrutiny Committee will meet on the existing dates scheduled for the current Overview and Scrutiny Committees in 23/24 and 24/25. At the first meeting after 1 January 2024 a new Chair and Deputy Chair will need to be elected.

**2.5** Appendix 1 details the track changes to the Constitution.

## COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATION

- 3.1** With regard to the membership of the new committee. Names can be provided to the Managing Director - following the Full Council meeting on the 28 November 2023. These will be reported under announcements at the next Full Council meeting on 16 January 2024.
- 3.2** As a result of the merging of the Committees the allocations to committees subject to political balance requirements will be:-

Committee	Total Seats	Lib Dems	SDA	Cons	Ind
Overview & Scrutiny	26	15	6	5	0
Planning	17	10	4	3	0
Licensing & Regulatory	11	7	2	2	0
Audit Scrutiny Committee	8	4	2	2	0
Standards	6	4	1	1	0
Strata Scrutiny	3	1	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>

## 4. FINANCIAL

- 4.1** In the merging of the two Committees there will be an initial savings in the Members Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) of ££8,387 (Chair £6,590 and Deputy Chair £1,797). If the recommendation is approved Democratic Services will arrange for the Independent Remuneration Panel to meet to consider if there should be any change in the SRA for Chair and Deputy Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee following the merging of the two committees. Any recommendations will need to be approved by Full Council.

## 5. LEGAL

- 5.1** The Council has a statutory duty to appoint one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000, but the number and terms of reference of each Committee is a matter for the Council to determine.

## 6. RISKS

- 6.1** There are no risk arising from this report.

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL/CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT**

**7.1** There are no environmental/climate change implications.