

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Adult Social Care and Health)	Date of Meeting:	5 January 2021
	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services)		12 January 2021
	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)		19 January 2021
	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding)		26 January 2021
Subject:	Executive/Scrutiny Protocol		
Report of:	Chief Legal and Democratic Officer	Wards Affected:	All
Cabinet Portfolio:	Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To advise of the decision of Cabinet (Minute No. 69) of its meeting held on 3 December 2020 approving the Executive/Scrutiny Protocol for use in Sefton.

Recommendation:

That the decision of Cabinet in approving the Executive/Scrutiny Protocol for use in Sefton be noted and welcomed.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To comply with previous decisions of the Cabinet, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees seeking the production of an Executive/Scrutiny Protocol in Sefton.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

No alternative options have been considered because the production of an Executive/Scrutiny Protocol in Sefton was requested by Cabinet.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

There are no direct financial implications arising from the production the protocol. Any financial implications that do arise will be reported to the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Committees at the appropriate time.

(A) Revenue Costs

See above

(B) Capital Costs

See above

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None
Legal Implications: None
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications

Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: None directly applicable to this report.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: None directly applicable to this report.
Commission, broker and provide core services: The development of an Executive / Scrutiny protocol should improve relationships between Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Members and contribute towards more effective scrutiny in Sefton.
Place – leadership and influencer: As above
Drivers of change and reform: As above
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: None directly applicable to this report.
Greater income for social investment: None directly applicable to this report.
Cleaner Greener: None directly applicable to this report.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD 6213/20) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD4405/20) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

None

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following this meeting.

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Appendices:

Executive/Scrutiny Protocol – Appendix A

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

1.1 Members will be aware that during the last cycle of meetings the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommended that that Cabinet approve an Executive / Scrutiny Protocol. The Protocol had been produced by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

2. Cabinet Consideration

2.1 At its meeting held on 3 December 2020 Cabinet considered the Executive / Scrutiny Protocol and approved its use in Sefton.

2.2 At the Cabinet meeting, Councillor Lappin, Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services highlighted the importance of a similar approach in engaging with and holding Partners to account.

2.3 The Protocol has now been published on the Council's website and will be used as part of future Member Induction and Member Development Programmes.

3. Conclusion

3.1 This report is for information and to advise that Cabinet had approved the Executive / Scrutiny Protocol for use in Sefton.