

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

7 March 2019

### **Report of the Member Scrutiny Champion - Cllr. A. N. Woolcock**

#### **Matter for Information**

#### **Wards Affected:**

All Wards

### **Member Scrutiny Champion - Update Report**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members with an update from the Member scrutiny champion following the conclusion of recent observations of various scrutiny committee meetings.

#### **Background**

2. Following the conclusion of the adjourned Annual Meeting held on 31 May 2017 the role of Scrutiny Member Champion has been undertaken by Cllr. Arwyn Woolcock (Lower Brynamman).

3. The position requires the incumbent to engage with elected Members and assist in advocating and promoting best practice in relation to sound scrutiny arrangements as part of the Council's corporate governance processes.
4. Between 14 September and 1 December, 2017, the Scrutiny Member Champion made initial visits to the various scrutiny committees in an observational role, which was reported to the committee on the 1 February 2018. This report details the follow up visits made to the same committees between 11 October 2018 and 30 November
5. Following the conclusion of this process, a short report was prepared by the Scrutiny Member Champion outlining his findings and making a number of recommendations for consideration by the Chairs and Vice Chairs forum (see Appendix 1).
6. Members are asked to consider the Member Scrutiny Champion's report and discuss how the Democratic Services Committee may assist in moving the recommendations forward.

### **Financial Impact**

7. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

8. A screening assessment has been undertaken but a full equality impact assessment is not required.

### **Workforce Impacts**

9. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

### **Risk Management**

10. There are no significant risks associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendation**

12. That the Committee consider the Member Scrutiny Champion's report.

## **Appendices**

13. Appendix 1 - Report of the Scrutiny Champion - Cllr. A. Woolcock

## **List of Background Papers**

14. None.

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