

# County and Unitary Councils' Officer Overview and Scrutiny Network

**Friday 16th September 2022** Starting at **11.00 am**

This will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams

Chair: John Cade

Secretary: Paul Thistlewood - Isle of Wight Council

Minutes: Megan Tuckwell - Isle of Wight Council

## **Agenda**

### **1. Introduction by the Chairman and housekeeping for the meeting**

### **2. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2022**

### **3. New Guidance on call in arrangements**

The CfGS is involved in undertaking a review call in arrangements prior to the issuing of new national guidance. Colleagues are invited to share experiences and views on what best practice should look like.

### **4. Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities**

The Government issued its statutory guidance in May 2019 following an extensive consultation and evidence gathering by the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Select Committee. Three years on has it made any impact on the key areas of culture, resourcing, selecting committee members, power to access information, planning work and evidence sessions. This item will provide the network with an opportunity of sharing views on how it has been for you or is it another document that sits on a shelf gathering dust.

Camelia de Bernhardt Lane will outline the work of the CfGS in looking at improvements arising from the statutory guidance.

### **5. Centre for Governance and Scrutiny Update**

To receive an update from the Centre on its activities planned for 2022.

### **6. Ask the Network**

An opportunity to seek the thoughts of other network members to help overcome that small niggling problem that you may be experiencing.

## **7. Future meetings**

The last meeting of this year is on 2 December 2022. Suggestions for agenda items are always appreciated.