County and Unitary Councils' Officer Overview and Scrutiny Network

Friday 24th June 2022 Starting at 11.00 am

This will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams (LINK HERE)

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 11 March 2022

3. Health and Care Act

To discuss the any issues arising from the final content of the Health and Care Act.

4. Establishment of a Councillor network

At the last meeting arrangements were made for a small number of councillors to attend for the purpose of speaking on the Health and Care Bill. The views of colleagues are sought on whether there could be benefit in establishing a similar network to ours but for councillors.

5. Centre for Governance and Scrutiny Update

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

6. Training for scrutiny officers

To discuss the current availability of training for scrutiny officers and opportunities for continued development of skills.

7. Relationships with town and parish councils

The share experiences of working relationships between overview and scrutiny and town and parish councils. As an example the Isle of Wight Council's Corporate Scrutiny Committee has one representative from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (who also has a vote) and one representative from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (who does not have a vote).

8. Ask the Network

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

9. Future meetings

The dates for meetings during the rest of this year are; 9 September 2022 and 2 December 2022. Suggestions for agenda items are always appreciated.

We are still looking at the logistics of making the September meeting a hybrid one but workloads have prevented progress.