



## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**20 July 2017**

### **REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS**

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**Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report asks the Council to approve changes to its overview and scrutiny arrangements.
2. Overview and scrutiny in Gateshead is a constructive process which is open, accountable and looks outwards at the broader issues affecting local people and makes a contribution to policy development.
3. The arrangements will be piloted for six months with effect from 1 September 2017 and will be subject to review after six months.
4. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

5. It is recommended that Council approves the revised overview and scrutiny arrangements as set out in Appendix 1 of the attached report, subject to them being reviewed after six months.