

## BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

<b>From: Corporate Manager Governance and Civic Office.</b>	<b>Report Number: JOS/22/24</b>
<b>To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date of meeting: 21 November 2022</b>

### SCRUTINY/CABINET PROTOCOL

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To agree a Scrutiny/Cabinet Protocol for overview and Scrutiny to promote a culture of accountability, openness, and transparency within Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, recognising scrutiny as a key enabler within that culture.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Overview and Scrutiny approves the Scrutiny/Cabinet protocol attached.

#### 3. Financial Implications

N/A

#### 4. Legal Implications

N/A

#### 5. Risk Management

N/A

#### 6. Consultations

- 6.1 The Leaders and Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs have been consulted.

#### 7. Equality Analysis

N/A

#### 8. Shared Service / Partnership Implications

- 8.1 This protocol has been written for both Councils to adopt.

#### 9. Links to Joint Strategic Plan

- 9.1 This decision will support the “Strengthened and clear governance to enable delivery” element of overarching **Enabled and Efficient Organisation** priority for the council

#### 10. Key Information

- 10.1 This protocol has been formulated following the creation of an action plan for Overview and Scrutiny as a result of the Councils’ peer review.

10.2 The protocol defines clearly the role of Overview and Scrutiny, Cabinet and Officers to promote a culture of accountability, openness and transparency within Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils', recognising scrutiny as a key enabler within that culture.

## Appendices

Title	Location
(a) Scrutiny/Cabinet Protocol	Attached

## 11. Background Documents

[Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan](#)

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