

<b>Scrutiny Panel</b>  <b>13 July 2023</b>  <b>Item 7 – Draft Overview and Scrutiny Public Engagement Protocol</b>	Item No  <b>7</b>
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## **OUTLINE**

A key element of Overview and Scrutiny's work is involving the public in scrutiny activity, and taking up issues which are of concern to local people. Scrutiny is there to reflect the voice and concerns of the community and to encourage the public to engage with the Council's decision-making processes. A key role for Overview and Scrutiny is to ensure that the policies and services that are shaped and delivered reflect and meet the needs of the local population.

Technological changes have prompted Scrutiny Panel to look at providing guidance and information to support public engagement in the scrutiny process. The draft protocol attached is aimed at providing guidance to support scrutiny councillors, officers, and the public when using technological methods of communication to capture the voice of service users.

### **Purpose**

The Scrutiny Panel is asked to sign-off the draft public engagement protocol for adoption by the Overview & Scrutiny function.

### **Report in the agenda:**

To support this discussion the following report is included for information.

- Overview and Scrutiny Public Engagement Protocol

## **ACTION**

The Scrutiny Panel is requested to agree and adopt the draft protocol.