

## **EXECUTIVE/SCRUTINY PROTOCOL**

### **Item OS 25/46 referred from Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 11 September 2025**

Members were invited to review the effectiveness of the Executive-Scrutiny Protocol (attached as Annex 1) to ensure that it remained fit for purpose.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been consulted and had requested that the section of the Protocol dealing with the Scrutiny Work Programme be amended to include reference to IT Strategies within the standing items for consideration. The Protocol attached at Annex 1 had been amended to include this reference.

It was clarified that the proposed amendment related to IT Policies and Strategies rather than individual projects. Members recognised the importance of regular scrutiny of IT matters, citing the anticipated impact of technological changes such as AI over the next decade and the need for the Borough Council to proactively address these developments.

On the grounds of the increasing importance and reliance on IT, the Chair proposed, Cllr King seconded and the Committee

**\*RECOMMENDED:** That the revised Protocol (at Annex 1) be approved.

**\*Recommended to Cabinet**