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Proposed Amendment to the Recommendation in Agenda item 8 by the Liberal Democrat Group

To add the following recommendation:

(K) Council confirms the importance of an independent scrutiny process and agrees to establish a working party to determine, before the start of the 2023/4 municipal year, "ways of enhancing the independence and legitimacy of scrutiny chairs such as a secret ballot of non-executive councillors" as recommended by the **Communities and Local Government Select Committee** of the House of Commons, chaired by Labour MP Clive Betts, in their report on the *Effectiveness of Local Authority Overview & Scrutiny*.

Councillor Paul Kohler

Councillor Hina Bokhari

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