

Question from Paul C Gwilliam

I am speaking on my own behalf.

My Question is as follows:

In the Cabinet report point 2.8, the Scrutiny committee is advised to consider the changes made and to help it note that changes are shown as deleted text, and, new text is highlighted in grey.

If you compare the regulation 19 section in appendix 1 from the SCI consulted on, against the revised SCI presented to you today, there is no consistency with the use of grey highlighting and your job in comparison is not easy. The comment in the reg 19 section about advising those without internet access to contact planning is in grey text but this is not new text added following the consultation, neither is the complete statement about copies of the plan being available, the new text in that statement is that the response is available in print format. This is just one example.

There are 3 strands to my question to scrutiny -

1. The cabinet have seemingly made it unnecessary difficult for the scrutiny committee to do their job in the way the information on the proposed changes to the SCI have been presented. Why is this and what can be learnt?
2. What is the view of each and every committee member on this point and is there any agreement amongst the committee members?
3. Do committee members feel they understand the reasons for endless changes, corrections and tidy ups to fully consider the draft revised SCI?