

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REVISED COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to changes to the Council's Committee System and proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution.

Information

2. Changes are proposed to the Council's Committee system in order to improve efficiency and effectiveness. The main amendments proposed are listed below:
 - a. The work of the Communities and Place Committee and Communities and Place Review and Development Committee is to be redistributed to enable a better focus on key issues such as transport, highways and the environment.
 - b. The Communities and Place Committee and the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee will be replaced by a Communities Committee and a Transport and Environment Committee.
 - c. The work of the COVID-19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee has now developed to the point where much is now business as usual and the focus is now on recovery. A new Economic Development and Asset Management Committee will be established to rebuild and enable recovery with a focus on the economic development of the County and management of land and assets.
3. The proposed revised Committee structure is illustrated at **Appendix 1** to this report and the proposed revised Terms of Reference are set out in **Appendix 2**. Further necessary consequential changes to the Constitution can be made under the Monitoring Officer's delegated authority.
4. Finally, it is proposed that Governance and Ethics Committee be tasked with setting up a working group to review the Constitution.

Other Options Considered

5. To make no changes, however it is considered that changes are needed to improve the operational effectiveness of the meeting structure and to give greater focus on key priorities of the Council.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To enable the committee system to operate more effectively

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the revised Committee System is approved and the structure established for the 2021-2022 Municipal Year.
- 2) That the Constitution is amended as described in paragraph 2 of the report and detailed in **Appendix 2**.
- 3) That authority be delegated to the Council's Monitoring Officer to make any necessary consequential amendments to the Constitution.
- 4) That the Governance and Ethics Committee be tasked to establish a working group to review the Constitution

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Constitutional Comments (HD – 18/5/2021)

8. Full Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report; it is responsible for adopting and changing the Council's Constitution.

Financial Comments (SES 14/05/2021)

9. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- LGPS Central Asset Pooling – Governance Arrangements – Full Council 12th January 2017 (published)
- Health and Wellbeing Board Governance and Management – Health and Wellbeing Board 7th March 2018 (published)
- [Council Constitution](#) as amended on 1st October 2020 (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All