

Purpose of meeting

To review the Council's constitution and in particular the decision making processes within it, to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and enables effective, efficient and timely decisions to be taken in a democratic and transparent way.

Membership of the Group

3 representatives from the Labour Group, together with a representative from each of the other groups on the Council.

Timescale

To undertake the review in readiness to prepare a report for consideration in early Autumn 2019.

Terms of reference

- To review the size and membership of the Executive. In particular to look at:-
 - Whether the current convention of representatives of the opposition groups on the Council having a place on the Executive should continue;
 - Whether individual members of the Executive should have individual decision making powers on non Key Decision and non-operational matters rather than the current collective decision making arrangement;
 - The frequency of Executive meetings; and
- To review the continuing appropriateness of the current committee structure including :-
 - The number of Scrutiny Committees, their terms of reference and their responsibilities;
 - Whether it is appropriate to continue with the pre scrutiny system devised locally.
 - The size and frequency of Scrutiny meetings, together with their Chairmanship and;
- To review and amend the various articles of the constitution as a consequence of the above as appropriate;
- To review the Delegations to Officers as a consequence of the above as appropriate;
- To review the Council's representation on Outside Bodies as to whether it continues to be appropriate to appoint to these bodies bearing in mind the Council's agreed priorities and limited resources

- To request that an Independent Remuneration Panel be convened as appropriate to consider the impact any changes made as a consequence of the above may have on the Council's approved Scheme of Members Allowances;