

Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Agenda
Item:
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Meeting Date: 3 January 2019

Portfolio: Cross-cutting

Key Decision: No

Within Policy and
Budget Framework

Private/Public Public

Title: Task & Finish Group Report: An efficiency and efficacy review of the current governance structures of the Council

Report of: Policy & Communications Manager

Report Number: O&S 33/18

Purpose / Summary:

This report presents the report from the Task & Finish Group work on an efficiency and efficacy review of the current governance structures of the Council.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Consider and comment on the report and the timetable for progressing the work
- Agree the report and recommendations for further consultation

Tracking

Executive:	Not applicable
Scrutiny:	03/01/2019
Council:	Not applicable

1. Background

- 1.1 The Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel resolved at their meeting on 18 October that a Task & Finish Group be established to scrutinise the governance arrangements for the Council. The Task and Finish Group would include the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Ellis, Councillor Alcroft and Councillor Allison. Relevant Members and Officers would also be invited to take part in the Task Group work. Councillor Alcroft was, subsequently, replaced by Councillor McDonald.
- 1.2 The group met twice to scope the review and then agree the methodology. At the most recent meeting, 13 December 2018, the group discussed a draft report. Group Leaders were invited to attend and share their views at the meeting.
- 1.3 The group agreed that the draft report, once amended, could be presented to the Panel on 3 January 2019.

2. Recommendations

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Appendices attached to report: Draft Task & Finish Group Report: An efficiency and efficacy review of the current governance structures of the Council – To follow.

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL – Executive arrangements (as operated by the Council) must include provision for the appointment of one or more overview and scrutiny committees to review or scrutinise decisions and actions and to make reports and recommendations to the authority or the executive. These committees may only

undertake overview and scrutiny functions. Members of the task and finish group have settled upon some proposed changes to the Council's system and, properly, are now consulting the other Scrutiny Panels. The proposed timetable also provides for the required consultation with the Council's Executive to enable it to comment.

FINANCE – None

EQUALITY – None

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – None

Appendix: Task and Finish Group Report

REPORT TO FOLLOW