

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 6 June 2017



Subject: Select Committees - Terms of Reference & Work Programmes 2017/18

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) That the re-establishment of the following select committees for the 2017/18 municipal year, be agreed:**

**Communities Select Committee;
Governance Select Committee;
Neighbourhoods Select Committee;
Resources Select Committee; and**

- (2) That the proposed terms of reference and work programme for each of the Select Committees for 2017/18, be agreed.**

1. (Director of Governance) In accordance with Article 6 of the Council's Constitution, select committees may be established on an annual basis by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Select committee status is generally restricted to activities of a recurring or cyclical character which require a longer term involvement by members.
2. At its first meeting in each municipal year, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to consider whether existing select committees should continue for a further year and to determine the number and terms of reference of each committee. The select committees must also adhere to an annual work programme agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3. When the select committee framework was last reviewed by the Committee in April 2016, the structure was revised so as to be directly aligned with the Council's management structure. At that time, the Committee requested that the operation of the framework be reviewed after a year. It is hoped that such review can be undertaken over the next few months.
4. In the meantime, it is proposed that each of existing select committees be re-established for the 2017/18 municipal year. The Committee is also requested to agree the proposed terms of reference and work programme for each of the select committees for 2017/18, as set out in the attached appendices to this report. The Terms of Reference remains the same as last year except for the Resources Select Committee which has added to it the scrutiny of the Transformation Project.

5. The appointment of members to the select committees for 2017/18 will be handled as part of a separate item on this agenda.

Resource Implications:

The recommendations of this report seek to enable scrutiny activity to more effectively meet work programme requirements.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner, Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the district.

Consultation Undertaken:

The matters subject of this report are included in the current work programme for the Committee.

Background Papers:

None

Impact Assessments:

Risk Management

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities.

Equality:

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.