

Standards Committee



28 July 2021

Title	Establishment of the Committee System Working Group
Purpose of the report	To make a decision
Report Author	Gillian Scott, Committee Services Support Officer
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	Not applicable
Corporate Priority	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a Committee decision
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: Agree to establish the Committee System Working Group with the members and remit as set out in this report.
Reason for Recommendation	The Committee System Working Group has played an integral role in the design and structure of the new Committee System. It has agreed to evaluate the success and operation of the new arrangements periodically over the next year.

1. Key issues

- 1.1 Following Council's agreement in October 2020 to progress with the change in governance arrangements to the Committee System, a Working Group consisting of the leaders of all political groups was established.
- 1.2 The Working Group met regularly between November 2020 and March 2021 to work collaboratively on the design and structure of the Council's proposed model for decision-making, which was implemented from the Annual Council meeting 2021.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 17 February 2020, the Working Group agreed it should continue to meet periodically to evaluate the success of the new arrangements and review how they are working in practice, with a full and formal review taking place after 12 months.

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Committee System Working Group is established for 2021-22 with the membership and remit as follows:

Membership

All group leaders of the political groups that make up the Council at any time the Working Group meets

Remit

To evaluate the success and review the operation of the Committee System at 3-, 6- and 12-month intervals since its implementation.

3. Financial implications

3.1 There are none arising from this report.

4. Other considerations

4.1 No other considerations have been identified.

5. Equality and Diversity

5.1 The recommended proposal will allow all councillors to provide feedback on the new arrangements.

Background papers: There are none.