

Appendix 5 - Update from the discussions at the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee on 12 April 2021

The Council Governance Arrangements Working Group Report was considered by the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee at their meeting on 12 April 2021. Changes were proposed to recommendations:

2.1 – take out the wording '*unless a decision is made to set up a Unitary Council for the area from 2023.*'

2.4 – take out the word Policy from the names of the Committee i.e. call them Corporate Scrutiny Committee and Community Scrutiny Committee

2.5 – as per recommendation 2.4 take out the word Policy

2.11 – as per recommendation 2.4 take out the word Policy

Therefore the amended recommendations from the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee would read as follows:

Relating to the 2022 Municipal Year

- 2.1 The Council moves to a Committee system of governance from the Council AGM on 10 May 2022.
- 2.2 The Council proposes to the Unitary Shadow Authority that a committee system of governance is adopted, if set up as the principal council for the area.
- 2.3 The Council writes to the Chief Executives and Leaders of the County and Districts to request ask that they consider that the Shadow Authority governance arrangements are set up as a Committee system

Relating to the 2021 Municipal Year

- 2.4 That a second Scrutiny Committee is introduced from the AGM in 2021, with the focus being Corporate Scrutiny Committee and Community Scrutiny Committee. The split of workload for the two Scrutiny Committees (see Annex A at the end of this report) is approved
- 2.5 That the number of seats on both Scrutiny Committees is 15 from the start of the 2021/2022 Municipal Year
- 2.6 The Audit, Governance and Standards Committee is split into two separate Committees from the AGM in 2021, for the 2021/22 Municipal Year and becomes Audit and Governance Committee and Standards Committee. The Terms of Reference for both Committees (see Annex B and Annex C at the end of this report) is approved.

- 2.7 That the number of seats on the Audit and Governance Committee is 11 from the start of the 2021/2022 Municipal Year
- 2.8 That the number of seats on the Standards Committee is 9 from the start of the 2021/2022 Municipal Year
- 2.9 The role of Shadow Portfolio Holders is included within the Constitution as per the wording in Annex D to this report
- 2.10 Officers and Portfolio Holders are reminded of requirements to provide information and notifications to Ward Councillors as per the Member Officer Protocol
- 2.11 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee are asked to work with officers to consider a system for communicating reports to Members from representatives from outside bodies