

SLWG – POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the meeting of the Short Life Working Group (SLWG) held on 12th December 2016, Members asked that officers draft a report for the next meeting to include:

1. Area model:
 - Retain 4 area committees with reduced frequency
 - Retain Community Planning Groups
 - Area business days to be informal and without governance support
2. Prepare a programme of meetings for 2017/18 based on the traditional and Executive models with a reduced frequency of meetings and based on the area model above.
3. Draft a protocol to allow flexibility to respond to consultations for inclusion as terms of reference in the constitution.
4. Incorporate the Harbour Board into the EDI Committee or reduce the frequency of Board meetings.
5. Draft a protocol for dealing with reports for noting.
6. Draft a protocol for Area Committee Business Day meetings.

1.1 Members are asked to:

- a) Consider the information provided and determine recommendations for future political management arrangements
- b) Agree a delegation to the Director of Customer Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Depute Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition, to prepare a final report on behalf of the Short Life Working Group with a series of recommendations for Council.

Members are kept up to date with service developments and issues without the need to consider individual reports. There would, however, be an opportunity for Members of any Committee to move a motion which would allow for a noting report to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting of the Committee for substantive discussion. This has been

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – none at this stage.
- 6.2 Financial - none at present, but may be financial implications dependent on the outcome of the review.
- 6.3 Legal – none at this stage.
- 6.4 HR – none at present, but may have HR implications dependent on the outcome of the review.
- 6.5 Equalities - none
- 6.6 Risk - none
- 6.7 Customer Service - none

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Draft protocol for Area Committee Business Days
- Appendix 2 – Traditional Model Draft Schedule of Meetings
- Appendix 3 – Executive/Cabinet Model Draft Schedule of Meetings
- Appendix 4 – Draft Protocol for Consultations
- Appendix 5 – Draft Protocol for dealing with Reports for Noting