

Other committees & responsibilities

In reviewing the governance system, it is considered appropriate to review the other committees of the council, as well as the roles and functions of sub committees and working groups as well as individual responsibilities taken by some members

1. Committees:

In all systems, it is proposed that the following committees are retained, to meet 4 x per year, (except where stated)

- Audit & Governance
- Dev Control (6 weekly)
- Regulatory
- HWB
- Employment
- Urgency (meets only when required)

It is also proposed that the following Committees are removed

- Complaints – This is a non statutory function, the Ombudsman does not require or expect councillor involvement in individual complaints. Councillors would retain an overview of complaints through other existing committees.
- Conduct – This will become part of Audit & Governance. Complaints to be heard by Panel selected from A&G membership
- Commons & Town Greens – This will be incorporated into Regulatory, with Sub Committees setup for individual Village Green claims if required.
- Standing Joint Health O&S Cttee – to be replaced by ad hoc arrangements

The following committees will need to be reviewed in line with expected government regulations and guidance:

- Student Support Appeals
- Pension Fund

2. Sub Committees and Working Groups

In the Cabinet and Hybrid systems, a review will be required of all existing Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committees and Working Groups to ensure that the appropriate balance is struck and responsibilities lie with the most appropriate body. In the Committee system, appropriate sub Committees will need to be agreed and established from the outset.

3. Lead Members and Champions

In all systems, a review should be undertaken of the roles which give individual councillors specific responsibilities. In a Committee system, further work would be required on the responsibilities of any Champion or lead role, and how those members with those roles with function with the committee(s) responsible.

4. Full Council

The opportunity to review and reform Full Council may also be considered. The Working Group have highlighted that further consideration could be given to the frequency of full council, as well as to certain elements of the meetings, such as Question Time.