

Urgency Committee

Meeting to be held on 19 June 2013

Electoral Division affected: None

Committee and Appointments (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary and Recommendation

The Urgency Committee is asked to:

- i. consider approval to the creation of an Executive Scrutiny Committee and Budgetary Scrutiny Working Group, the Budget Scrutiny Working Group to be a working group of the Executive Scrutiny committee
- ii. agree the constitution and membership of the Executive Scrutiny Committee
- iii. agree the appointment of a Chair and Deputy for the Executive Scrutiny Committee
- iv. authorise the Chief Executive to approve detailed Terms of Reference for the new committee and working group, and agree any consequential amendments to the constitution arising from this decision

Background and Advice

The Full Council at its annual meeting on 23 May agreed that the Urgency Committee should give consideration to the creation of two new committees to monitor executive decision making and budget setting. The Urgency Committee met on 24 May 2013 and agreed that officers be charged with the drafting of proposals for these new committees for consultation with the four political groups. A proposal has been consulted on with group leaders and is attached at Appendix A. The proposal includes the establishment of an Executive Scrutiny Committee, and a Budgetary Scrutiny Working Group to be established as a working group of the Executive Scrutiny Committee. The views of the groups on this document will be reported at the meeting.

The Urgency Committee is also required to agree the constitution and membership of any new committee approved in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

In addition, the Committee is required to appoint a Chair and Deputy Chair of any new committee approved.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

It is a statutory requirement that the County Council approves political group balance allocations on Committees and Standing Orders require the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Committees.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A