

Political Governance Working Group

Purpose

- a) The role of the Political Governance Working Group is to consider, on behalf of the Full Council, matters relating to the political administration of the council.
- b) The Working Group provides a forum for regular engagement between the political groups and senior officers in relation to political governance.

Composition

- a) The Working Group shall comprise county councillors from each political group on the council, as determined by Full Council.
- b) The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Working Group shall be appointed by Full Council annually.
- c) If the Chair is absent at a meeting, the Deputy Chair shall preside. If both the Chair and Deputy Chair are absent, a Chair for the meeting shall be chosen from amongst the members present.
- d) The quorum of the Working Group shall be three.
- e) All members of the Working Group shall have a vote and resolutions shall be by majority. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.
- f) Meetings of the Working Group shall be held quarterly, or as determined by the Chair or as requested by Full Council and shall be held in private.

Terms of Reference

- a) To consider proposals to amend the Constitution, including the Code of Member Conduct and reporting to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee on the latter as appropriate.
- b) To consider formal reviews of county council electoral boundaries in Lancashire.
- c) To consider formal proposals to change the governance model of the council.
- d) To consider proposals to change the provision of support provided to the political groups on the council.
- e) To consider proposals to change the processes and procedures for formal meetings of the council and its committees.

- f) To consider the recommendations of the Councillor Support Steering Group on matters relating to information, advice and support for county councillors and political groups on the council.
- g) To make recommendations to Full Council, or other committees and bodies as agreed by Full Council, on all of the above.