

**Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on 17 July 2014**

Report submitted by: The Chief Executive

Part B

Electoral Division affected:
None

**Member Officer Working Group on Political Governance Structures – Update
report**
(Appendix A refers)

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Executive Summary

Full Council is asked to note the progress of the Member Officer Working Group on Political Governance. A summary of the meetings to date is attached at Appendix A

Recommendation

That the update be noted

Background and Advice

Full Council at its meeting on the 12 December 2013 debated a Notice of Motion on a possible return by the authority to a Committee system and resolved:

"The County Secretary and Solicitor is instructed to bring a report to the Full Council Meeting on the 27 February 2014 setting out the options and necessary actions that need to be taken to discontinue the existing Leader and Cabinet system of decision making and revert back to a Committee system.

We also instruct the Interim Chief Executive to give an indicative time scale for the introduction of such a change, given that several other County Councils have made or are making this transition."

The Full Council at its meeting on the 27 February considered the report and decided:

"To establish a cross party member officer working group, on the basis of 3 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Independent Member, to thoroughly investigate options for any change in political management structure and make recommendations to the Council on a future governance structure.

1. That regular progress reports be provided by the working group to the Full Council
2. That the member officer working group be requested to report back on its proposals to the Full Council in December 2014."

In noting the request to provide regular update reports, the Working Group agreed to report back on progress to the Full Council meetings on 17 July and 2 October, and to meet as frequently as required but at least monthly up until December 2014. This report represents the first update, and includes a summary of the two meetings held so far at Appendix A.

The Membership of the Working Group is as follows:

County Councillors:

County Councillor David Borrow (Chair)
County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson
County Councillor Niki Penney
County Councillor Bill Winlow
County Councillor Michael Green
County Councillor Geoff Driver
County Councillor Paul Hayhurst

Officers:

Ian Young, Deputy County Solicitor
Paul Bond, Head of Policy and Performance
Roy Jones, Assistant County Secretary
Josh Mynott, Committee Support Team Leader.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

None

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
As set out in Appendix A		Josh Mynott / OCE / 01772 534580
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		