

SELECT COMMITTEES
TERMS OF REFERENCE 2015/16

Title: Governance Select Committee

Status: Select Committee

1. To undertake the overview and scrutiny, utilising appropriate methods and techniques, of services and functions of the Governance Directorate, excluding those matters within remit of the Audit and Governance Committee, the Standards Committee or the Constitution Working Group;
2. To develop a programme of work each year, informed by relevant service aims and member priorities, to ensure that the services and functions of the Governance Directorate are appropriate and responsive to the needs of residents, service users and others;
3. To consider any matter referred to the Select Committee by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
4. To identify any matters within the services and functions of the Governance Directorate that require in-depth scrutiny, for referral to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
5. To establish working groups as necessary to undertake any activity within these terms of reference;
6. Where requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to examine and review call-in requests and the implementation of executive decisions;
7. More service specific proposals to be determined by the relevant lead officer.
8. To consider the effect of Government actions or initiatives on the services and functions of the Governance Directorate and any implications for the Council's residents, service users and others, and to respond to consultation activities as appropriate;
9. To undertake pre-scrutiny through the review of specific proposals of the Council and its partner organisations or other local service providers, insofar as they relate to the services and functions of the Governance Directorate, to help develop appropriate policy;

Performance Management

10. To undertake performance monitoring in relation to the services and functions of the Governance Directorate, against adopted key performance indicators and identified areas of concern;
11. To review relevant Key Performance Indicator (KPI) outturn results for the previous

year, at the commencement of each municipal year;

12. To identify on an annual basis, subject to the concurrence of the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee:
 - (a) a basket of KPIs important to the improvement of the relevant to the service areas for which the Panel has scrutiny responsibility Council's services and the achievement of its key objectives,; and
 - (b) the performance targets for those KPIs for each year;
13. To review performance against the KPIs on a quarterly basis throughout each year, and to make recommendations for corrective action in relation to areas of slippage or under performance.

Equality

14. To review six monthly progress towards the achievement of the Council's equality objectives for 2012/13 to 2015/16, and progress in relation to other equality issues and initiatives.

Public Consultation and Engagement

15. To develop arrangements as required, for the Council to directly engage local communities in shaping the future direction of its services, to ensure that they are responsive to local need;
16. To annually review details of the consultation and engagement exercises undertaken by the Council over the previous year;

Chairman: Councillor T Church