

**Name of meeting:** Annual Council

**Date:** 3 June 2014

**Title of report:** Devolution and Local Area Working 2014/15

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	<b>Yes / No or “not applicable”</b> <b>If yes give reason why</b>  No
Is it in the <a href="#">Council’s Forward Plan</a> ?	<b>Yes/ No or “not applicable”</b> <b>If yes give date it first went in</b>  No
Is it eligible for “call in” by <a href="#">Scrutiny</a> ?	<b>Yes/ No or “not applicable”</b> <b>If no give reason why not</b>  N/A
<b>Date signed off by <u>Director</u> &amp; name</b>  <b>Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?</b>  <b>Is it signed off by the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance and Monitoring?</b>	  Yes - 27 May 2014  Yes – 27 May 2014
<b>Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a></b>	N/A - Proposal produced on behalf of the Leader of the Council following dialogue with Leading Members.

**Electoral [wards](#) affected:** All

**Ward councillors consulted:** N/A

**Public or private:** Public

**Recommendation/s**

- 1) That approval be given to the proposals for the establishment of four District Committees, as out within the considered report.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance and Monitoring, to make the necessary and consequential changes to the constitution, subject to the approval of (1) above.

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## **1. Purpose of report**

To consider the proposal, developed on behalf of the Leader of the Council, regarding devolution and local area working for 2014/2015 and beyond.

This matter was considered at the meeting of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on 16 May 2014.

## **2. Key points**

Following discussions with Leading Members the Leader of the Council has commissioned work to set out proposals for arrangements in respect of devolution and local area working with effect from the 2014/15 municipal year. Details are set out within in the appended report.

At its meeting on 16 May 2014 Corporate Governance and Audit Committee recommended:

- 1) That the proposals for the establishment of District Committees, as out within the considered report, be noted and referred to the meeting of Annual Council for consideration.
  
- 2) That the report be amended, prior to submission to Council, to clarify that devolution to geographical areas will not be restricted by the boundaries as set out in paragraph 2.3.1 of the report. (The attached report has been amended accordingly)
  
- 3) That Annual Council be recommended to approve the delegation of authority to the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance and Monitoring, to make the necessary and consequential changes to the constitution, subject to the approval of (1) above.

## **3. Implications for the Council**

Any changes to the arrangements in respect of Council meetings will require amendments to Council Procedure Rules and other parts of the Constitution: It is proposed that such changes be delegated to the Assistant Director for Legal, Governance and Monitoring.

## **4. Consultees and their opinions**

The following have been consulted on the drafting of this report and endorse the proposals contained therein:

The Leader of the Council  
The Chief Executive  
The Director of Resources  
The Assistant Director for Legal, Governance and Monitoring

## **5. Next steps**

Following consideration by Annual Council any consequential changes to the Constitution will need to be delegated to the Assistant Director for Legal, Governance and Monitoring.

## **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

- 1) That approval be given to the proposals for the establishment of four District Committees, as out within the considered report.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance and Monitoring, to make the necessary and consequential changes to the constitution, subject to the approval of (1) above.

## **7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

The Leader of the Council agrees with the officer recommendation at 6 above.

## **8. Contact officer and relevant papers**

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Report to (and minutes of) Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on 16 May 2014

## **9. Assistant Director responsible**

Julie Muscroft, the Assistant Director for Legal, Governance and Monitoring