

Terms of Ref for Democracy Commission:

1. To review the advice, conclusions and recommendations of the LGA Independent Advisor.
2. To consider evidence from other Local Authorities operating under alternative models of governance such as those who have changed from:
 - Leader and Cabinet model to a Committee System.
 - Committee System to Leader and Cabinet model.
 - Leader and Cabinet and changed to Committee system and back to a Leader and Cabinet model
3. To review the current model and consider whether more inclusive decision making can be achieved through:
 - Strengthening the impact of scrutiny – Increased member involvement and focus on pre-decision scrutiny
 - Increased understanding of evidence, openness and transparency in relation to Cabinet Decision Making
 - Improved flow of information and processes in place
4. To submit a report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee setting out findings and recommendations arising from the review.
5. The Commission will report back to Corporate Governance & Audit committee on [] or in [X] months.....

Methodology for Review

Evidence sessions to be held to include:

- Visiting Local Authorities operating under different models (Virtual or physical tbc)
- Invite Chair of OSMC and Scrutiny Chairs for views and input in relation to strengthening the impact of scrutiny
- Invite Leader , Cabinet Members for views and input in relation to Cabinet Decision Making
- Take evidence from Senior Officers in relation to current processes and flow of information, opportunities and risks