

County Council - 17 December 2019

Item 7 – Governance Committee: Improving Council Governance

Amendment by Mr Barling

Main recommendations

(changes shown in bold italic text)

- (3) That a separate select committee for the Fire & Rescue Service be established with effect from the annual Council meeting in April 2020 **or sooner if possible**, to be reviewed in March 2022 and that the terms of reference in Appendix 2 and other constitutional changes set out in Appendix 3 be approved;
- (3a) *That, in anticipation of a possible earlier start date, the Council meeting on 14 February 2020 be asked to make appointments to the new Committee.***

Appendix 1 – Changes to Executive

(changes shown in bold, italic text with deletions struck through)

- 9. The chairman of each Select Committee shall be invited to attend any meeting of the Cabinet and shall have a right to speak for up to **three** five minutes to convey or represent the views of that committee on any agenda item relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.
- 10. The leaders of each of the large and medium minority groups of the Council shall be invited to attend any meeting of the Cabinet and may speak for up to **two** five minutes on any item on the agenda.

Appendix 3 - Consequential changes in relation to scrutiny

(additional changes shown in bold, underlined, italic text)

Extract from Part 3, Scheme of Delegation

Appendix 8

Select Committees

There is a Performance and Finance Select Committee (Appendix 8A), a Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (Appendix 8B), a Children and Young People's Services Select Committee (Appendix 8C), and an Environment **and** Communities **and** Fire Select Committee (Appendix 8D) **and a Fire and Rescue Service Select Committee (Appendix 8E)**. Their constitutions and terms of reference are set out in the Appendices. Each committee shall undertake the functions set out below in respect of those items relevant to the Select Committee's specific service area.

Each Select Committee shall have no more than 12 County Council members with the exception of the Performance and Finance Select Committee which will

have 15 members **to include the other Select Committee chairmen where compliant with rules on political proportionality following confirmation of their appointment at the next meeting of the County Council.** (inclusive of the three other Select Committee chairmen). The members of each Select Committee shall be appointed, having taken into account the following guiding principles:

- That the member has an interest in the business of the Committee.
- That the member is able to devote the time needed to undertake the work of the Committee.
- ~~That the member is not also a member of another select committee.~~
- That the member remains free to serve on scrutiny or executive task and finish Groups.
- ~~Three of the members of the Performance and Finance Select Committee shall be the three members who are at any time the chairmen of the other three Select Committees.~~
- **Four of the members of the Performance and Finance Select Committee shall be the four members who are at any time the chairmen of the other four Select Committees, providing that this can be accommodated in line with political proportionality for that committee.**