

Governance Committee

21 January 2018

Part I

Review of County Local Committees

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance

Electoral Divisions: All

Summary

At its meeting on 28 November 2018, the Governance Committee agreed to carry out a review of County Local Committees (CLCs) after May 2019. This report sets out the proposed terms of reference for this review.

Recommendations

That the terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 A Governance Committee working group carried out a review of CLCs in Mid Sussex during 2018, following changes to the configuration of CLCs implemented from May 2017 as part of a Democratic Services savings programme. The working group recommended that a review of all CLCs should be carried out two years after the implementation of these changes, from May 2019. This will enable a full assessment of capacity issues, the potential for different ways of working and the impact of using crowdfunding for the Community Initiative Fund (CIF). The working group considered that it is important to ensure a consistent approach is taken to CLCs across the county and that an assessment of different options for the future, including potential areas for saving, should be considered.
- 1.2 Following the Governance Committee meeting in November, the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities (who has responsibility for community engagement, community development and CLCs) has requested that the CLC review include the Council's approach to community engagement and development and the support to member roles in their communities.

2. CLC Review Terms of Reference and Memberships

- 2.1 It is proposed that a new working group be established to carry out the CLC Review from May 2019, to be chaired by the Chairman of the working group that carried out the review of CLCs in Mid Sussex, and to include the other two members of that group.
- 2.2 Draft terms of reference are attached at Appendix 1.

3. Resources

- 3.1 There will be some resource implications associated with carrying out the CLC review, both in terms of officer support (to be provided by Democratic Services) and member involvement in the working group. It is anticipated that these will be met from within existing resources. The resource implications of any proposals for change resulting from the review will be taken into account through any subsequent decision-making processes.

Factors taken into account

4. Consultation

- 4.1 Proposals for consultation to be carried out as part of the CLC review are set out in Appendix 1.

5. Risk Management Implications

- 5.1 There are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report, as there are no proposals for change. Risks associated with any outcomes from the CLC Review will be taken into account through any subsequent decision-making processes.

6. Equality Duty

- 6.1 This is a report dealing with procedural matters only. It will be important to ensure that the Council's responsibilities relating to the Equality Duty are taken into account as appropriate through the CLC review due to be carried out later in 2019.

7. Social Value

- 7.1 Not applicable

8. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

- 8.1 None

9. Human Rights Implications

- 9.1 None

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Appendix 1

Proposed terms of reference for the Working Group on the review of County Local Committees

Background Papers: None