



# Update on Governance Work

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 14<sup>th</sup>  
November 2019



# Aim of process

To hear evidence from a range of sources in order to develop a set of principles on which any future decision making structure should be based. Key areas for consideration include:

Speed of decision making	Cross Party Member involvement
Delegations	Openness, transparency, clarity and visible accountability
Scrutiny, checks and balances and evaluation of decisions	Forward planning of decisions
Costs	Public Involvement and Engagement

# Programme of Activity

Date	Event	Details
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct – 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Online call for evidence	XX responses to date. Full report will be submitted as evidence.
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Visit to Rotherham Borough Council	Meeting with Chair and Vice Chair of Scrutiny about Rotherham's approach to pre-decision scrutiny
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Visit to Melton Borough Council	Meeting with Governance Development Group to discuss Melton's Governance change
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Evidence Gathering Sessions	Details on next slide
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	OSMC informal meeting	To consider and comment on draft report
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	OSMC Meeting	To approve final report (papers will be published on Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec)

# Evidence Session 1

## 26<sup>th</sup> November – 1-5pm

Time	Area/Issue	Witnesses
1pm – 3.30pm	Governance best practice	Judith Hurcombe – LGA Ian Parry, Centre for Public Scrutiny John Cade, Institute of Local Government
3.30 - 4pm	Identifying key points to take forward/Break	
4pm-5pm	How Sheffield City Council currently makes decisions	Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal & Governance Laurie Brennan, Head of Policy and Partnerships (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)

# Evidence Session 2

## 28<sup>th</sup> November – 10am-8pm

Time	Area/Issue	Witnesses
10am-12.30pm	Local groups with an interest in decision making	Its our City (10-10.45) Nigel Slack Sheffield 4 Democracy
12.30 – 1.15	Break for Lunch	
1.15 – 2.15	Local/Partner organisations with an interest in decision making	Voluntary Action Sheffield Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
2.15 – 3.15	Consider written evidence from Online Call for Evidence	Report – Emily Standbrook-Shaw
3.15 – 3.45	Discussion time/Identifying key issues	
3.45 – 4.30	Break	

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Time	Area/Issue	Witnesses
4.30-5.30pm	Views of Young People on decision making in Sheffield	Youth Cabinet/Youth Council reps.
6-8pm	Groups and members of the public who have come forwards to give evidence	Dr Karen Ford Kevin Poppelwell More will be added as people come forwards



# Evidence Session 3

## 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 1pm-5pm

Time	Area/Issue	Witnesses
1-2.30pm	What works elsewhere – feedback from visits and desktop research into other authorities structures	Gillian Duckworth, Director of Legal and Governance Emily Standbrook-Shaw
2.30-3.30pm	Interim Feedback from Big City Conversation online survey	Laurie Brennan, Head of Policy and Partnerships
3.45 – 5pm	Pulling together findings and conclusions	





# Developing the report

- Following the conclusion of the evidence gathering sessions we'll pull together a draft report for consideration by members of OSMC on 10<sup>th</sup> December.
- Final draft will be published on the 13<sup>th</sup> October for consideration/approval at the 18<sup>th</sup> October OSMC meeting.
- Will then be submitted for debate at January full Council.

