



# Report to Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

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**Report of:** Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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**Subject:** Draft Principles for Governance at Sheffield City Council

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## **Summary:**

In May 2020, the people of Sheffield will be asked in a referendum, whether they want the Council to keep a leader and cabinet model of decision making, or move to a committee system. In March, the Council will publish proposals on how both of the referendum options will work.

As part of the process of developing the referendum options, this Committee was asked by Full Council to work with the Deputy Leader to come up with a set of principles that should underpin both of the options that are put to the referendum, and present these to Full Council in January 2020. The Committee's draft report is attached for consideration and approval.

The report identifies ambitions, governance principles and ways of working that should shape future governance options. It asks Full Council to endorse the principles and, where appropriate, to support immediate implementation of the principles and ways of working. It also recommends that OSMC has a role, post referendum, in providing cross party oversight of the development of the new arrangements prior to their implementation in 2021.

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## **The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

Consider, comment on and approve the draft report for submission to Full Council in January.

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