

# Update on Review of New Governance Arrangements.

Governance Committee 8<sup>th</sup> December

# Engagement based on the Review Themes and Key Questions

## Capacity and Resource

Are Policy Committees adequately supported?

Is the preparation for Policy Committee meetings reasonable and proportionate?

Do Members and Officers have the tools and time to support, deliver and develop in the committee system?

## Citizen & Community Engagement and Formal Participation

What is working well in terms of engagement for the public and are there any gaps?

What is the volume and nature of public questions and petitions?

How effective are we at responding to questions and petitions?

## Decision-Making and Delegations

Are decisions being made effectively and efficiently?

## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, Communication & Information Availability

How well are we mitigating the risks identified in the Equalities Impact Assessment?

How accessible are the Policy Committees and the committee outputs?

## Overall Structure

Do the Policy Committees have clear remits, are they the right remits and are the links to other Committee remits working?

Are the roles within the committee system clear and working as intended?

## Working Practices

Are pre-meets and briefings working effectively for all members of a Committee?

What do members, officers, organisations and the public think has changed between old system and new?

Are Committees undertaking the type of activities pertaining to policy and decision making that they intended to do?

Are LACs and Policy Committees working well together? Is there anything that could be improved?

# Engagement underway

- Engagement underway and planned with 3 key groups – plus desktop research/analysis. Will continue to mid-Jan, at which point Governance Committee will start Action Planning.

**Members** – Online survey launched

Drop-In sessions arranged and 2 attended

Economic Development & Skills – 30<sup>th</sup> November

Strategy & Resources – 5<sup>th</sup> December

LAC Chairs meeting

**Citizens** – Online survey launched + invitation to engage

Publicised through LAC networks, GovDelivery, partner networks

Targeted previous participants in governance work, public questioners

**Officers** – Online survey launched

Structured conversations with various officer groups/networks

## Next Steps..

Desk top research is underway. Engagement activity will continue over the next few weeks with further Member drop-in sessions taking place after each policy Committee:

Education, Children & Families – 13<sup>th</sup> December

Housing – 15<sup>th</sup> December

Transport, Regeneration & Climate – 15<sup>th</sup> December

Adult, Health & Social Care – 19<sup>th</sup> December

Communities, Parks & Leisure – 20<sup>th</sup> December

Waste & Street Scene – 21<sup>st</sup> December

We'll be in touch with Governance Committee members re: taking part in public facing events as plans develop.

## Any questions, comments?