

POLICY DEVELOPMENT EXERCISE SCOPING CHECKLIST

This form is to assist Councillors to scope topics for consideration by the Engagement PDG in a focused way and to identify the key issues it wishes to investigate.

Topic:

Key outcomes:

- An understanding of different governance arrangements
- An evidence-based recommendation on the most appropriate form of governance for South Kesteven

Specific subject areas to be investigated: (key lines of enquiry)

Background

1. What works with the current system and what doesn't?
2. Will any change in governance improve the way the Council does business?
3. Is the Council failing in its duty under the current Cabinet system?

Investigation

4. Would a committee system deliver greater transparency and accountability?
5. Would a committee system make for greater inclusion of elected Members?
6. Is there a danger that elected members could feel less involved?
7. Would a change in governance add value?
8. What different models of governance are there?
9. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each of the different models?
10. Investigate other authorities processes in determining whether to change to a committee system

Change of Governance (evidence permitting)

11. What do we have to have (which committees – minimum)?
12. Committee sizes and delegation of powers from Council
13. What are the financial implications?

Carrying out the review...

Should representations be invited from Members not on Engagement PDG?

Yes No

If yes – what format should they take?

Member invited in to give representations for this item only – must have evidence to support point of view.

What key documents/data/reports will be required?

Musical Chairs
Other Authority information (Notts CC and Newark and Sherwood DC - via Councillor Wood)
Background on the Act – current legislation on scrutiny and committee functions

Should a period of public consultation form part of the exercise?

Yes No

If so, on what should the public be consulted?

Have other authorities carried out a similar exercise?

Yes No

If so, which authorities?

Notts CC, Newark and Sherwood DC

Should invitations be extended to other authorities that have gone through this process?

Yes No

If so, who, and from which authorities? (Members and officers – technical and legal matters etc)

Newark & Sherwood DC

What do you anticipate the timetable will be for the PDG Review?

Minimum of 12 months – max 24 months