



Agenda Item Introduction

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

Committee **CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date **7 MAY 2024**

Topic **FUTURE GOVERNANCE**

Background

1. In July 2023, Full Council agreed to establish a politically proportionate 'Future Governance Working Group' to make recommendations to Full Council via the Audit and Governance Committee, regarding the motion of moving to a committee system form of governance.
2. Full Council voted to hold an extraordinary meeting on 1 May 2024 where it will consider a detailed report on the proposals and decide whether to make changes or retain the current governance arrangements. Should Full Council vote to move to a committee system, it will then decide on when to implement the change, with the options ranging from the annual council meeting on 15 May 2024 or after the next Isle of Wight Council elections in May 2025.
3. At the time of publishing the papers for Corporate Scrutiny the decision has not yet been made. Therefore, the discussion on Future Governance at the committee meeting will be very dependent on the outcome of Full Council on 1 May 2024.

Focus for Scrutiny

4. If a decision is made to not change governance and the Council to remain under a Cabinet system:
 - What can scrutiny change moving forward to ensure members engagement with the decision-making processes of the Council?
5. If the decision is made to change governance to a committee system from 15 May 2024:
 - What is the progress on implementation?
 - How will the all the scrutiny committees workplans be factored into the new service committees?

6. If the decision is made to change governance to a committee system from May 2025:
 - What are the potential next steps and plan for implementation in May 2025?
 - How can the committee monitor progress over the next 12 months?

Approach

7. As no decision will have been made at the time of publishing the agenda for this meeting (26 April 2024), discussion will be based on a verbal update following the extraordinary meeting of Full Council on 1 May 2024.

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