

Committee Model Working Group

Supplementary Information



Date: Friday, 27 January 2023

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: The Puerto Morazan Room (Library), 1st Floor,
City Hall, BS1 5TR

3. Annual Business

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Committee Model Working Group – Terms of Reference 22/23

Context

1. On 5 May 2022 a governance referendum was held to determine whether Bristol City Council should be run by a Mayor who is elected by voters or by one or more committees made up of elected Councillors.
2. The outcome of the governance referendum will lead to a change in the way that the Council is run from the current Directly Elected Mayor model of governance to a committee model of governance, with effect from the third day after the date of local elections in 2024.
3. At an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council on 24th May 22, Members agreed to establish a Cross-Party Working Group to develop the committee model of governance.
4. The Cross Party Working Group will have monthly meetings in public with effect from January 2023.

Purpose

5. The Working Group will be responsible for developing the design principles for the structure of the committee model and making recommendations to Full Council, which will include details of proposed changes to the Constitution This will include consideration of the following themes:
 - Leadership, functions, roles and structure of Committees
 - Potential role of scrutiny
 - Officer support and structure
 - Briefings and agenda setting procedures
 - Public engagement under the Committee Model
 - Equality, Diversity and Accessibility
 - Local decision making
 - Delegations to officers
 - Working under the Committee Model in a Council with ‘no overall control’
 - Engagement with external partners
 - New governance arrangements to be kept under review
6. Enabling public engagement is a key objective of the Working Group. This will include seeking views during the design phase (for example through public events), as well as ensuring that the committee model will support democratic decision making. A number of events have taken place in 2022, with additional activities planned for 2023/24.

Membership

7. Membership of the Working Group will be 12 with the following proportionality:

- Labour Group – 4 seats
- Green Group – 4 seats
- Conservative Group – 2 seats
- Liberal Democrat Group – 1 seat
- Knowle Community Party Group – 1 seat

8. The Members sitting on the Working Group during 22/23 will be as follows:

- Councillor Jenny Bartle
- Councillor Nicola Beech
- Councillor Marley Bennett
- Councillor Richard Eddy
- Councillor Lorraine Francis
- Councillor Geoff Gollop
- Councillor Helen Holland
- Councillor Gary Hopkins
- Councillor Tim Kent
- Councillor Mo Makawi
- Councillor Steve Pearce
- Councillor Guy Poultney

9. The Chair and Vice Chair for 22/23 will be as follows:

- Chair – to be confirmed
- Vice Chair – to be confirmed

Procedure Rules

The Committee Model Working Group will operate in accordance with the Council's Committee Procedure Rules.