

Full Council

21 May 2020



Report of: Tim O’Gara, Director – Legal and Democratic Services

Title: **Establishment of Committees 2020-21**

Ward: Citywide

Recommendation

1. To approve the composition of Committees for the 2020-21 municipal year (full recommendations are set out in detail at the end of the report).
2. To appoint Chairs to the Committees as proposed.

Summary

As per above recommendation.

The significant issues in the report are:

As set out in the main report.



Policy

1. The Full Council must appoint at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee and such other committees as it considers appropriate to deal with the matters which are neither reserved to the Full Council nor are executive functions.
2. Full Council has the option to appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs to Committee/Commissions.

Consultation

3. **Internal**
Party Group Whips
4. **External**
Not applicable

Context

5. See 1. above.

Proposal: Establishment of committees

a. Arrangements for Overview and Scrutiny:

6. The following Overview and Scrutiny bodies are proposed for establishment by Full Council in 2020-21:
 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
 - People Scrutiny Commission (Health Sub Committee of the People Scrutiny Commission)
 - Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission
 - Communities Scrutiny Commission
 - Resources Scrutiny Commission

As the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board oversees the scrutiny work programme, its membership includes the Chairs of the Commissions.

The Scrutiny Commissions are not planning to meet at the current time although a number of Tasks Groups will be established to consider pertinent issues, which will report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

7. Joint bodies: the Full Council is asked to note that the following joint bodies (meetings of which also involve representatives of other relevant authorities) will be continuing:
 - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (meets as and when required)
 - Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of jointly scrutinising the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STP)
 - West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee (“The WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee”)

- Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement comprising of the Constituent Councils of the West of England Combined Authority, the Mayor and North Somerset Council (“The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement”).
- West of England Combined Authority Audit Committee (“The WECA Audit Committee”)

b. Regulatory Committees:

8. The Full Council is recommended to establish four Regulatory Committees as follows:
- Development Control Committee A
 - Development Control Committee B
 - Public Safety and Protection Committee
 - Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee

c. Appeals Committee

9. The Full Council is asked to establish an Appeals Committee.

d. Other Non-executive Committees:

10. The Full Council is asked to consider the appointment of other non-executive committees.
11. It is proposed that the Full Council should approve the establishment of the following committees:
- Audit Committee
 - Human Resources Committee
 - Selection Committee
 - Area Committees 1 to 6

f. Statutory Committees

12. The **Licensing Committee** is established as a standing committee and does not have to be re-appointed. Any vacancies must be filled by the Full Council – this task is non-delegable, i.e. only Full Council can decide who will serve on the committee. Members continue to serve on the Committee until they either resign or are removed by the Full Council. The appointment of Members is a licensing function and as such equalities law applies to it, and the Full Council should fill vacancies having due regard to equalities tests. The Full Council will be asked to fill any current vacancies on the Licensing Committee in a further report to this meeting.
13. The **Health and Wellbeing Board** is a statutory function under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. This Board is continuing and therefore the annual re-establishment is not required.

Other Options Considered

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

Not applicable.

Public Sector Equality Duties

Not applicable.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

As per paragraph 1. above, the Full Council must appoint at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee and such other committees as it considers appropriate to deal with the matters which are neither reserved to the Full Council nor are executive functions.

(Legal advice provided by Tim O’Gara, Director – Legal and Democratic Services)

Financial

(a) Revenue

Not applicable

(b) Capital

Not applicable

Land

Not applicable

Human Resources

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the following committees be established;**
 - a. Overview and Scrutiny bodies:**
 - **Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**
 - **People Scrutiny Commission (Health Sub Committee of the People Scrutiny Commission)**
 - **Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission**

- **Communities Scrutiny Commission**
- **Resources Scrutiny Commission**

Joint bodies:

- **Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**
- **Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of jointly scrutinising the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STP)**
- **West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee (“The WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee”)**
- **Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement comprising of the Constituent Councils of the West of England Combined Authority, the Mayor and North Somerset Council (“The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement”)**
- **West of England Combined Authority Audit Committee (“The WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee”)**

b. Regulatory Committees:

- **Development Control Committee A**
- **Development Control Committee B**
- **Public Safety and Protection Committee**
- **Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee**

c. Appeals Committee

d. Other (non-executive) Committees:

- **Audit Committee**
- **Human Resources Committee**
- **Selection Committee**
- **Area Committees 1 to 6**

e. Statutory Committees:

- **To note the position in relation to the Licensing Committee.**
- **To note that the Health and Wellbeing Board does not need to be formally re-established as it remains extant.**

2. That the following Chairs and Vice Chairs be appointed as outlined in Appendix B;

Appendices:

Appendix A – List of Area Committees

Appendix B – List of Chairs and Vice Chairs

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: None

APPENDIX A

Area Committees (Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Committees)

There is an Area CIL/s.106 Committee for each of the following 6 Areas (each to be known as an “Area Committee”):

- Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze, Stoke Bishop, Clifton, Clifton Down, Hotwells and Harbourside (Area 1);
- Henbury and Brentry, Southmead, Horfield, Bishopston and Ashley Down, Redland and Cotham (Area 2);
- Lockleaze, Eastville, Frome Vale and Hillfields (Area 3);
- Ashley, Central, Lawrence Hill, Easton, St George West, St George Central and St George Troopers Hill (Area 4);
- Bedminster, Southville, Windmill Hill, Knowle, Brislington East and Brislington West (Area 5);
- Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe and Withywood, Filwood, Hengrove and Whitchurch Park and Stockwood (Area 6).

The councillors elected to serve those wards are members of the corresponding Area Committee.

To the Councillors in each Area Committee the Mayor has delegated executive decisions in relation to the following:

- The expenditure of the local element of CIL monies raised within the area
- Devolved s.106 monies where there is a decision to be made in relation to what and where the monies should be spent (as opposed to when the funds have already been earmarked for a specific project as part of the agreement)

APPENDIX B

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	Cllr Geoff Gollop	Cllr Celia Phipps
Resources Scrutiny Commission	Cllr Stephen Clarke	Cllr Mark Brain
Communities Scrutiny Commission	Cllr Anthony Negus	Cllr Jo Sergeant
People Scrutiny Commission	Cllr Claire Hiscott	Cllr Celia Phipps
Health Sub Committee (of the People Scrutiny Commission)	Cllr Brenda Massey	Cllr Celia Phipps
Growth & Regeneration Scrutiny Commission	Cllr Paula O'Rourke	Cllr Fabian Breckels
Development Control Committee A	Cllr Don Alexander	Cllr Chris Windows
Development Control Committee B	Cllr Tom Brook	Cllr Richard Eddy
Public Safety & Protection Committee	Cllr Ruth Pickersgill	Cllr Chris Davies
Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee	Cllr Jon Wellington	Cllr Peter Abraham
Licensing Committee	Cllr Afzal Shah	Cllr Harriet Clough
Human Resources Committee	Cllr Jon Wellington	Cllr Paula O'Rourke
Audit Committee	Cllr Mark Brain	Cllr Clive Stevens