

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

5th October 20



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Title: Call In Sub Committee – Membership and Chairing

Ward: N/A

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Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board note the reduced size of the Call in Sub Committee from seven to six Members and approve the schedule of Chairs for the remainder of the Municipal Year, which will rotate by political party.

The significant issues in the report are:

The proposed revision to the chairing arrangements of the Call in Sub Committee of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.



1. Summary

Where non-executive Councillors have evidence which suggests that the Executive did not take a decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 14 (Decision Making) of part 2 of the Constitution, they may ask the Proper Officer to 'call in' the decision for scrutiny. If the requirements are met the Proper Officer will call in the item and within five working days of the request give notice as to the date on which the call in will be considered by a Call in Sub Committee. Additional details about the process can be found at Appendix A – 'What is Call in and How Does it Operate?'

Following changes to the political makeup of the Council, with effect from 4th October 2020 the Committee will reduce from a membership of seven to six (non executive Members), with the proportionality being; three Labour, one Conservative, one Green and one Liberal Democrat. The names of the Members to serve on each Call in Sub-Committee will be determined by the Whips.

The Chair of the Call in Sub Committee will be elected at the start of each meeting. From 4th October 20 until 6th May 21, it is recommended that the Chair rotates between political parties in the following order;

Conservative
Labour
Green
Labour
Liberal Democrat
Labour (and so on)

2. Consultation

a)Internal

The Whips and Councillor Gollop, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

b)External

Not applicable.

3. Public Sector Equality Duties

Not applicable.

Appendices:

Appendix A – What is Call in and How Does it Operate?