

Select Committee Programming Group

Terms of Reference

1. To consider and respond to the recommendations from the independent review of the Council's approach to overview and scrutiny conducted by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. This identified a number of areas including:
 - Programme of training/development for non-executive councillors and chairs/vice-chairs of panels.
 - Review of the Executive/Scrutiny Protocol.
 - Develop approach with Chairs of committees to consider pre-meetings and preparation work.
 - Consider the Executive Work Programme and agree forward plan of scrutiny work.
 - Annual scrutiny workshop to confirm Work Programmes.
 - Explore and experiment with ways to allow greater public access, openness and involvement.

2. To make recommendations to appropriate to relevant Council bodies to further improve overview and scrutiny within the Council such as the:
 - Councillor Support and Development Group
 - Constitution Sub-Committee
 - Full Council

3. The membership of the Select Committee Programming Group shall be as follows:
 - The Leader of the Council
 - The Deputy Leader of the Council
 - Opposition Group Leaders
 - The Chair and Vice-Chair of each Select Committee
 - The Chair of the Audit and Regulatory Committee