

Select Committee on Environment - 27 June 2006

Terms of Reference, Rules of Procedure of the Committee and Scrutiny Protocols for Select Committees

Report of the Lead Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To receive the terms of reference, procedure rules applicable to this Committee and the scrutiny protocols for Select Committees.

Background

2. Article 6 of the Council's Constitution currently provides for the appointment of six Select committees, including the Select Committee on Environment.
3. As members will be aware at the Annual Council Meeting held on 18th May 2006 proposals to establish five Select Committees with the terms of reference indicated at that meeting were approved. The terms of reference for the Select Committee on Environment provide for the Committee to perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to the functions of the Council as local housing authority, the functions of the Council as local highway authority, promoting the environmental well-being of the area and waste management. The Article, which also prescribes the general role of Select Committees and their specific functions, including those relating to scrutiny, is set out in full in Appendix 1 to this report and will be updated in respect of all the new select committees in due course.
4. The rules of procedure for Select committees are set out in Part 4 of the Constitution and these are reproduced in Appendix 2 to this report.
5. The scrutiny protocol for Select committees are set out in Part 6 of the Constitution and these are reproduced in Appendix 3 to this report.

Finance

6. This report has no direct financial implications.

Law

7. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act, 2000, together with Regulations, Order and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Equality Impact

8. This report complies with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity. The matters to be considered by Select Committees will, given their nature have a direct or indirect impact on children and young people.

Recommendation

9. That the information contained in Article 6 of the Constitution, as updated, the Select Committee Procedure Rules and the Scrutiny Protocol for Select Committees as set out in the report, and Appendices to the report, submitted be received and noted.

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List of Background Papers

The Council's Constitution