

CIVIC AFFAIRS16 May 2022
5.30pm - 6.25 pm

Present: Councillors Davey (Vice-Chair), Bick, Dryden, Flaubert, Gawthrope Wood

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL**22/18/Civ – Civic Affairs: Committee Appointments and Constitutional Changes**

The report detailed the issues to consider following the local elections on 5 May 2022 and make recommendations to the Annual Meeting of the Council on 26 May 2022. The Democratic Services Manager advised the committee that discussions were on-going amongst Group Leaders on the size of committees and proposals would be reported by the Chief Executive to the Council meeting on 26 May.

It was recommended that Area Committees continue to be held on-line whilst officers and Members review the options suggested in the Culture, Behaviours and Governance assessment by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (February 2022).

Whilst meeting on-line, decisions cannot be taken by the committee, but will be taken by the relevant officer following consideration by that committee as was the case on area committee grants in March 2022.

Recommendations concerning retaining recordings of meetings and the timing of Budget and ordinary Council meetings for February/March 2023, Committee were not taken as Committee agreed officers report back with further considered options.

Resolved (unanimously) to recommend to Council:

- i. Continue with Area Committees held virtually until further notice.
- ii. To note recommendations on committee sizes, Chairs and Vice Chairs will be reported to Council.