

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	28 JUNE 2021	7

CONFIRMATION OF WORKING GROUPS

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

Following changes to committee membership at Council, on 19th April 2021 for the municipal year 2021/22, it is timely for the programme committees to review the current appointments to any working groups that are currently established and relate to the terms of reference of the Finance and Democracy Committee. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not need the approval of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee is invited:

- To confirm the membership to any working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the committee.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

20 July 2020 – Council noted and endorsed the list of current working groups.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

REPORT

- it is timely for the programme committees to review the current appointments to any working groups following changes to committee memberships, for the municipal year 2021/22, that were made at Council on 19 April 2021.
- Programme committees can establish their own subject specific working groups to be set up when required in order to advise the parent programme committee on a particular topic/issue.
- The table below lists those working groups that relate to the terms of reference of the Finance and Democracy Committee that are currently established.

4. The establishment of working groups is within the responsibility of the individual programme committees and does not need the approval of Council.
5. It is important that the members nominated to working groups have an appropriate interest in the subject, can commit to positively represent the Council and be available to commit the time to attend the majority of the meetings involved.
6. The members nominated should ideally be a member of the programme committee to which the matter relates to.
7. The conclusion of any working group would be brought to committee in a formal report.
8. Under the remit of the Tourism and Leisure committee there was The Island Regeneration working group that was set up in 2016 in response to an expression of interest that the council had received from a development company. The group has been instrumental in developing a vision for the site which has been formally agreed by committee.
9. Now that a number of important projects are now emerging in St Annes that are distinct but also overlap, those being Town Centre regeneration, The Island regeneration, and the replacement sea defences, a single Programme Board with oversight on all three has been established. Given the Finance and Democracy Committee is responsible for leading the budget setting process and is proposed to take on strategic economic development responsibility, it would be logical that the Finance and Democracy Committee appoint member representation to the St Annes Programme Board.
10. At present the work of the Town Centre Working Group which reports to the Planning Committee also includes commissioning a masterplan for the Island and the Chairman of the Tourism & Leisure Committee is on that working group. As a result, the existing Island Regeneration Working Group has been disbanded.

Finance and Democracy Committee– Working groups			
Working group	Role/purpose	Notes	Current representation
Budget Working Group	To co-ordinate and oversee the budget setting process and to provide a strategic steer to programme committees on key elements of the budget setting process such as the level of growth or savings required in light of the overall financial position of the Council, capital bid expectations, fees and charges levels etc	The establishment of this working group was considered and recommended for approval by the Governance Working Group. The Budget Working Group meet as and when required during the annual budget setting cycle. It is recommended that the group includes representation from each of the main programme committees in order to ensure a corporate cross-cutting approach to budget setting.	Chairman & Vice Chairman of Finance & Democracy Committee, Chairmen of Tourism & Leisure, Operational Management, Environment Health & Housing, and Planning Committees, Plus 2 Finance & Democracy Committee members – Richard Redcliffe & John Singleton, and Sue Fazackerley
Leadership Board	To provide to steer on corporate priorities	This Board was formalised at the July 2020 council meeting	Chairmen of each programme committee and the Planning Committee
Boundary Commission Review Working Group	Responsible the boundary review at Fylde	Submissions on proposed council numbers and warding arrangements post 2023 elections agreed by the council during the course of 2020/21. There may be a requirement of the Working Group to meet again once the Boundary Commission publishes its warding proposals	Councillors Karen Buckley, Roger Small, John Singleton, Shirley Green, Liz Oades, Linda Nulty

Finance and Democracy Committee– Working groups			
Working group	Role/purpose	Notes	Current representation
St Annes Programme Board	The Programme Board is a body that provides sponsorship and governance to the programme of regeneration for St Annes.	The Programme Board is made up of relevant officers exercising their delegated powers to deliver the St Annes regeneration programme. Members appointed to the Board (Working Group) will provide a political steer to the decisions of officers or recommendations to committee.	To be appointed

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No implications arising from this report
Legal	No implications arising from this report
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
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