

Report on	Working Groups of Committees
Date of Meeting	Thursday 7 th September 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update committee members on Review of current Working Groups established by committees of Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Forming part of the council's wider governance arrangements provision is made for the establishment of working groups by committees to progress matters as and when required. Such groups have been established by committees reporting to their parent committee on matters being reviewed and being progressed. Working groups are non-decision making and make recommendations to their parent committees to make the final decision.</p> <p>A request was made at June Council that a review and update report on current status of working groups be brought back to P&R Committee for information.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Committee at its meeting held on 6th April 2023 considered and agreed the committee and governance arrangements for the incoming Council term 2023-2027 (minute reference PR077/23 refers) together with the continuation of the list of Working Groups reporting to committees.
3.2	In summary, during the 2019-2023 term, committees considered it necessary to establish a number of working groups of Members to consider and make recommendations on a series of nonpolicy related and/or to help in the formulation of policy on a task and finish basis.
3.3	Working Group membership extends to 10 members of Council from the relevant committee. The working groups officially report to and make recommendations to the committee from which it is formed and does not have power to exercise on behalf of the council.

3.4	Appendix A to this report details a review of Working Groups that has been undertaken outlining purpose of the working Group, date group last convened and responsible officers within Council.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the review undertaken of the Working Groups of committees.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Member Working Groups Established by Council