

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

**THURSDAY 6 JULY 2017**

**FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

**WEDNESDAY 12 JULY 2017**

**ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

**THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017**

**REVIEW OF MEMBER STRUCTURES AND DEMOCRATIC COSTS**

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

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**1. PURPOSE**

To consider this matter in the context of the report submitted to Council in April, and make comments for future Council consideration.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee gives consideration to the matters raised in this report and agrees comments and/or specific recommendations to be submitted to Council for consideration.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. The report considered by the Annual Meeting of the Council on 26 April 2017, and the relevant minute from that meeting, are included as Appendices A and B respectively.
- 3.2. The Committee is invited to consider and make comments and recommendations on the matters referenced in the report at Appendix A. Essentially, these relate to the number, frequency and remit of the Committees and Sub-Committees appointed by the Council; their size/composition; the number of councillors; and the electoral cycle although, as stated in the previous report the last two of those issues would be likely to require further work and future reports.
- 3.3. Following consideration by all three of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees comments and recommendations will be collated for consideration by the Council. This is expected to be for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6 September, but that is of course subject to the possibility of issues being raised which require further reports prior to Council consideration. Whichever Council meeting next considers the matter it will, obviously, be for Council to agree what, if any, changes should be made, as well as the timescale for implementation.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. These are referenced in section 5 of the previous report.
- 4.2. Should the consideration of these matters give rise to any other financial implications, such would be researched and reported as soon as possible.

**5. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

- 5.1. Not applicable – there are no specific recommendations, and it is for each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to make comments as it sees fit.

5.2. Officers will, of course, give advice on any implications if or as necessary in response to comments and suggestions which are made.

## **6. REASONS**

Not applicable in the sense that there are no specific recommendations, but the report for Council in April was submitted as a consequence of the Leader of the Council's commitment for a review in light of comments from Councillors.

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Background Papers:  
None