

## **INFORMATION REPORT – GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This report provides information to members with regard to the Governance Review within Angus Council.

#### **1. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION**

Members will recall that at a meeting of the Special Arrangements Committee on 26 May 2020 it was agreed to establish a Member/Officer Group to review the Council's governance arrangements. The remit was wide ranging and included a detailed review of the Council's Standing Orders/Order of Reference of Committees and the Scheme of Delegation to Officers,

A significant amount of officer time was taken up with the first part of the review in relation to Standing Orders. Several meetings of the Member/Officer Group took place to review the Council's Standing Orders, where the opportunity was taken by members to hold detailed discussions on these proposals. There were also challenges around arranging meeting dates due to the busy diaries of elected members. Consequently, concluding this part of the review took longer than originally envisaged.

In tandem with this, work was also being undertaken at officer level to review the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

At the outset of the review it was hoped that the review would be concluded in time for a report to be taken to Angus Council in February 2022, so that the new arrangements would be in place for the start of the "new" Council in May 2022. Unfortunately, due to the amount of officer time required to support the review and also to staff illness and significant vacancies in the Legal team, this did not prove possible. Consequently, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services asked and received the approval of the Member/Officer Group that the review be put on hold until after the May elections in 2022. A report will come forward thereafter which will set out for the Council a new timeframe for the review and to re-populate the membership of the MOG.

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