

Minute of Meeting Cross Party Sounding Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 07 December 2017	14:00	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Eileen McCartin, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Iain Nicolson

Chair

Councillor Nicolson, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; D Amos, Head of Policy & Commissioning, A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnerships and Inequalities Manager and L McIntyre, Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager (all Chief Executive's); O Reid, Head of Public Protection (Head of Public Protection); and K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Apology

Councillor Paterson.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Review of Community Level Governance Arrangements

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the assessment of local area committees as a model of community-level governance. The report outlined the key findings of the review of the current local area committee arrangements and suggested a number of proposals for a future model of community-level governance for discussion by the Board and for subsequent further consultation.

The report intimated that in 2016 the Council agreed changes to the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership and at that time it was agreed that a review of the local area committees would be undertaken. The aim of the review was to assess local area committees as a model of community level governance and make recommendations for a future model. The report outlined the process and key activities undertaken; the proposed function and remit; boundaries; membership; meetings; grant funding and arrangements for consultation.

The Strategic Partnerships and Inequalities Manager gave a presentation on the the consultation document. The consultation was scheduled to run from 22 January to 15 April following which responses would be collated and analysed and a report submitted to a future meeting of the Council for approval.

DECIDED: That it be noted that the Council would be asked to approve consultation on a set of proposals for a future model of community level governance at its meeting on 21 December 2017.