

Agenda



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A MEETING OF THE

Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee

WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.00 PM

AS A VIRTUAL MEETING

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Members of the Committee:

Lynn Lloyd (Chair)

Peter Dragonetti (Vice-
Chair)

David Bartholomew

Maggie Filipova-Rivers
Mocky Khan

David Turner

Substitutes

Anna Badcock

Pieter-Paul Barker

Sue Cooper

Sam Casey-Rerhaye

Lorraine Hillier

George Levy

Axel Macdonald

Jo Robb

Ian Snowdon

Celia Wilson

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1 Apologies for absence

To record apologies for absence and the attendance of substitute members.

2 Minutes (Pages 3 - 5)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2019 - attached.

3 Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

4 Public participation

To receive any questions or statements from members of the public that have registered to speak.

5 Urgent business and chair's announcements

To receive notification of any matters which the chair determines should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chair.

6 Temporary changes to polling stations due to Covid 19 (Pages 6 - 10)

To consider the report of the head of legal and democratic – attached.

7 District wide community governance review

At its meeting on 29 October 2019, the committee considered, and agreed, a proposal to commence a district wide community governance review in Spring 2020 to allow for any changes to be implemented for the 2023 elections. The committee requested that officers submit a timetable for the review.

Before work began on the review, it became clear that the government intended to publish a Devolution White Paper which was expected to set out proposals for local government reform including unitary authorities. A community governance review would therefore have been premature. The current Covid pandemic has also impacted on resources to undertake such a review. A Devolution and Local Recovery White Paper is now expected in Autumn 2021.

Officers therefore propose bringing forward a timetable to the committee once there is greater clarity on the government's proposals. The committee is asked to endorse this approach.

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic