

Appendix 1

TASK AND FINISH GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

North Shadow Authority

COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

Purpose of the Group

To oversee the development and delivery of governance arrangements for both the shadow and unitary councils.

Description of the Task to be completed (Scope)

Shadow Authority

Ensure that all elements of the Structural Changes Order and associated Regulations have been implemented for the Shadow Unitary Authority. This will include: Constitution, code of conduct, members' allowances etc.

Ensure that support and committee management system arrangements are in place, including arrangements for virtual meetings.

Review the operation of the Shadow Authority's governance arrangements and make any necessary recommendations on amendments to the Shadow Authority.

Unitary Authority

Ensure that all elements of the Council's governance framework are in place. This will include: Constitution, code of conduct, members' allowances etc.

Oversee the development of a Member training and development programme for the Unitary Authority.

Ensure that support and committee management system arrangements are in place.

Ensure Statutory Boards are set up with terms of reference.

Key Activities	Outcomes Sought
Ensure that all elements of the Structural	All elements of the Structural Changes Order and
Changes Order and associated Regulations have	associated Regulations implemented.
been implemented.	
Oversee the development of a Members'	A Members' Allowance Scheme ready for
Allowance Scheme for the Shadow Authority. NB	adoption by the Shadow Authority
this will be developed by the agreed IRP Panel	



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Oversee the development of support and	A comprehensive and robust committee
committee management system arrangements	management system and associated resources in
for the Shadow Authority, including	place for the administration of the Shadow
arrangements for virtual meetings.	Authority
Review the operation of the Shadow Authority's	Any amendments / improvements to the Shadow
governance arrangements and make any	Authority's governance arrangements are made
necessary recommendations on amendments to	and implemented
the Shadow Authority.	
Develop all elements of the Unitary Council's	A Constitution, code of conduct and members'
governance framework. This will include:	allowance scheme ready for adoption at the
Constitution, code of conduct, members'	inaugural Unitary Authority Council meeting
allowances etc.	
Oversee the development of a Member training	A fully resourced and costed Member training
and development programme for the Unitary	and development programme for the Unitary
Authority.	Authority that can be implemented immediately
	after the unitary elections
Oversee the development of support and	A comprehensive and robust committee
committee management system arrangements	management system and associated resources in
for the Unitary Authority.	place for the administration of the Unitary
	Authority
Oversee the development of terms of reference	Terms of reference for all the Unitary Authority's
for all the Unitary Authority's Statutory Boards	Statutory Boards

TIMESCALES	
Key dates:	
May 2020	The Shadow Authority's Constitution
May to July 2020	The Members' Allowance Scheme for the Shadow Authority.
May 2020	To oversee the development of support and committee management
	system arrangements for the Shadow Authority, including
	arrangements for virtual meetings.
October 2020	To review the operation of the Shadow Authority's governance
	arrangements.
July 2020 to January 2021	To develop all elements of the unitary council's governance framework.
	This will include: Constitution, code of conduct, members' allowances
	etc.
September 2020 to	To oversee the development of a Member training and development
February 2021	programme for the Unitary Authority.
June 2020 to January 2021	To oversee the development of support and committee management
	system arrangements for the Unitary Authority.
July 2020 to January 2021	To oversee the development of terms of reference for all the unitary
	authority's Statutory Boards
Finish date:	February 2021
FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS	Monthly



How will we know when the Task is finished? All of the stipulated outcomes achieved.

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Interim Statutory Officer:	Monitoring Officer	
Support Officer:	Mike Willis	
SME:	Paul Goult and Ben Smith – Joint Lead Democratic Services Managers	
SME:	Existing Council Monitoring Officers (as required)	
SME:	Rebecca Peck (AD to Chief Executive), Carol Mundy and Tracy Tiff	
	(democratic services) - for training and development plan	

Any external Support or Input required		
External Support / Input	Output	

Dependencies

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