



**Belfast District Council (Shadow)**

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Agreement on the Terms of Reference for the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2014
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<b>1</b>	<b>Background Information</b>
1.1	The Shadow Council at its inaugural meeting on 11 June agreed to select a traditional committee form of governance, made up of four standing committees of 20 Members each.
1.2	The Shadow Council also approved the draft Corporate Plan for the shadow period which included proposed terms of reference for each of the four standing committees.
1.3	The purpose of this paper is therefore to seek agreement from Members of the committee on the Terms of Reference for the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	<p>The role of the Shadow Council is to prepare the organisation to assume its full powers, functions in the extended boundary area on 1 April 2015. The Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee will therefore take the lead role in putting in place the relevant structures and resources for the new council.</p> <p>This will include the development of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new decision making structures including new political management arrangements and supporting organisational development and design;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a new corporate plan setting out the vision and priorities for the Council for the next number of years taking account of our emerging role in the development and implementation of the community plan;</li> <li>• the setting of the budget for the new council, including revenue estimates, medium term financial plan, capital programme and the striking of the district rate.</li> </ul>
2.2	The committee will also oversee a programme of member and officer capacity building and be required to respond to any relevant emerging legislation and guidance.
2.3	The full draft Terms of Reference for the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee Council are outlined in Appendix 1.
2.4	It is envisaged that as the year progresses the work of this committee will be intense, particularly as we approach the rate setting deadline in the new year up until the new council takes effect on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015. At this time the recommendation is the committee should meet once a month but this may have to be reviewed later in the year. Also as specific pieces of work emerge it may be necessary to establish one or two short term working groups. Further reports on this will be brought back to committee as necessary.
<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	There are no financial or human resource implications contained within this report.
<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications</b>
3.1	There are not any equality or good relations implications associated with this report.
<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
4.1	It is recommended that Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- agree the draft Terms of Reference for the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee attached at Appendix 1</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
Appendix 1 – Draft Terms of Reference for the Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	