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**Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny  
Committee**

**13 July 2015**

Report of the Monitoring Officer

**Consultation on Decision Making Arrangements**

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**1. Background**

- 1.1 The new council leadership want policy and scrutiny committees to have the opportunity to debate and make recommendations on matters requiring an executive decision before a final decision is taken.
- 1.2 The Executive will be considering a report at their meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 proposing options to be consulted on for implementing this new system. Because of the timing of the meetings this Committee and Audit and Governance Committee are being consulted prior to the Executive. It is then proposed that there will be a further period of consultation with a view to reporting back to the Executive in August. This will allow any new working arrangements which do not require constitutional change to be implemented as speedily as practicable. The proposed Executive report is annexed to this report (see Annex A).
- 1.3 The proposals will allow Policy and Scrutiny Committees to see reports prior to executive decisions being made. It is, of course, possible for Policy and Scrutiny Committees to exercise earlier oversight of the most significant issues affecting the City and to attempt to influence policy direction. Members of the Committee may wish to consider how their work planning arrangements can ensure that they can exercise this early influence where appropriate.

**2. Consultation**

- 2.1 This report is being presented to the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Committee by way of consultation. It will also be considered by the Executive and Audit and Governance Committee. Political groups and the independent Members will also be asked for their views.

### **3. Council Plan**

3.1 Effective and inclusive decision making will assist in achieving all Council plan priorities.

### **4. Implications**

4.1 The implications are set out in the annexed report.

### **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Members are requested to consider this report and the report at Annex A, make comments for consideration by the Executive.

Reason: To enable revised decision making arrangements to be put in place.

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**Report Approved**



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**Wards Affected:**

**All**



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**Background Papers:** None

#### **Annexes:**

**Annex A** - Proposed Report to the Executive, 30 July 2015