

During the discussion, the following points were raised:-

- Councillors shared the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources' excitement on the report and were keen to bring forward the project.
- Councillors thanked the Portfolio Holder for his work on the project and wanted to ensure that the best outcome for the Council was delivered for the future.
- Councillors were pleased to see that the Local Government Association had had some input into the options detailed within the report. This was a big project that needed to be carried out properly with a framework put in place to ensure that the discussions were transparent.
- Concern was raised on the staff resources available to carry out the work alongside the Community Governance Review which was due to be carried out at the same time.
- Councillors highlighted that this project was long overdue but stressed that all options needed to be investigated thoroughly and that the outcome needed to be what was best for the Council.
- Councillors were keen to hold the meetings within the public domain to encourage open and transparent debate.

Resolved that the Executive approved the following recommendations to Full Council:-

- a) An all Member 'away day' was arranged to consider the items listed at section 4.5;
- b) A cross party Members Working Group was established to investigate the options and to report back through the appropriate democratic pathway;
- c) The Terms of Reference for the Council Governance Arrangements Working Group (Appendix A) were approved; and
- d) Seven Councillors were selected to form the Working Group along with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources.