Subject:	**Working Groups**
Date:	26th June, 2023
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Restricted Reports					
Is this report restricted?	**Yes**		**No**	X	
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?					
After Committee Decision					
After Council Decision					
Sometime in the future					
Never					

Call-in				
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	**Yes**	X	**No**	

1.0	**Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues**
1.1	To provide the Committee with an update on the roles and remits of the various Working Groups and consider which Groups it wishes to reconstitute.
2.0	**Recommendations**
2.1	The Committee is asked to: • note the Terms of Reference of the Working Groups; and • agree which Groups it wishes to reconstitute.
3.0	**Main Report**
	Key Issues

		Committee Structure
3.1		The Committee is reminded that, at its meeting on 21st April, it had considered a report on the new Council term commencing in May, 2023 and agreed to continue with the existing governances arrangements, that is, a traditional committee system, with 8 standing Committees.
		Working Groups
3.2		Since 2007, the Council has agreed also to appoint Working Groups to focus on issues of particular concern. In addition, the Council had agreed previously the following principles associated with appointment of Working Groups: • Working Groups should be established only if they are considered to be essential for the achievement of effective and efficient decision-making; • such Working Groups should be appointed for a fixed-term and for a specific purpose; • the Groups would not have decision-making powers but rather would produce a report with recommendations (usually in the form of minutes of the meeting) for consideration by the parent Committee; • after the Working Group has concluded the business for which it was established, it would cease to exist; and • Working Groups should be formed on the basis of All-Party representation with nominees sought from the Party Group Leaders.
3.3		At the meeting on 21st April, the Committee agreed to the reconstitute the following Working Groups: **Audit and Risk Panel** **Shared City Partnership**

3.4	It agreed also that, in line with Council policy, to appoint 1 Member from each of the Parties on the Council, with a Party being defined as having 2 or more Members.
3.5	The Committee now needs to consider which of the following Working Groups it wishes to reconstitute:

All-Party Working Group on the City Centre
Castle, Cavehill, Zoo and North Foreshore Steering Group
Community Planning Working Group
Disability Working Group
Installations – City Hall/City Hall Grounds Working Group
Language Strategy Working Group
Social Policy Working Group
Reference Group on Older People
Strategic Cemeteries and Crematorium Development Working Group
East Area Working Group
North Area Working Group
South Area Working Group
West Area Working Group

3.6	**Financial and Resource Implications**

None. |
| 3.7 | **Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment**

None. |
| **4.0** | **Document Attached** |
| | Terms of Reference - Working Groups |