

OSMC Governance Review





How this could work....

- Late Oct/mid Nov – call for evidence
 - Targeted requests/invitations and general
 - Desktop Research
 - Site visits/conversations with other Councils
 - Additional evidence gathering as required
- Late Nov/Early Dec – 2 day Scrutiny ‘Select Committee’ hearing
- Mid December – agree findings and final report



Aims:

- **Develop a set of principles on which any future decision making structure should be based**

Potential elements to consider:

- Speed of decision making
 - Cross party Member involvement
 - Delegations
 - Openness, transparency, clarity and visible accountability
 - Scrutiny and evaluation of decisions
 - Forward planning of decisions
- **Consider the strengths of different decision making structures and how the aforementioned principles can be embedded in any future model in Sheffield.**

Key lines of enquiry.....

1 What does 'good' look like?

Who	What	How
Governance experts eg. LGA, CfPS, Inlogov	What are the key features of good decision making and good decision making structures? What are the benefits of operating a Committee System and a Leader and Cabinet model?	Call for evidence Invite to give evidence at Select Committee session.

2 What is important to Sheffield?

Who	What	How
Groups and individuals with an interest in decision making in Sheffield eg. Its our City, Sheffield for Democracy, Youth Council, citizens, Equality Hub Network	What does good decision making look like to you? What features would you like to see in any future decision making structure in Sheffield?	Call for evidence Invite to give evidence at Select Committee session Link in to existing groups and forums.
Local Stakeholders who are affected by SCC decision making eg VAS, CCG and NHS bodies, Chamber of Commerce, Universities	What is important to you and your organisation about the way SCC makes decisions? What features would you like to see in any future decision making structure in Sheffield	Call for evidence Invite to give evidence at Select Committee session.
Councillors	What is important to you about the way SCC makes decisions? What features would you like to see in any future decision making structure in Sheffield?	Call for evidence Invite to give evidence at Select Committee session.

3 What is possible? What works?

Who	What	How
Sheffield City Council	How does the current system work in Sheffield? What models and approaches are possible within the legal framework?	Desktop research Report to Committee
Other Local Authorities	What are other authorities' experiences of operating different models? What are advantages and disadvantages?	Desktop research Conversations with/visits to other LAs Report to Committee