

## **Scrutiny (Value for Money Council Services) Committee**

# **Scope for Scrutiny Review of the Mayoralty Function**

### **1. Sub Group Membership:**

Previously:

- Cllr R Grosvenor (Lead)
- Cllr C Whittaker
- Cllr A Clarke
- Cllr M Fitzpatrick
- Cllr D Fletcher

### **2. Background / Context:**

At the meeting of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Committee Members agreed to undertake a review of the Mayoralty. A sub-group of the Committee has been made up of the councillors named above to lead the review on behalf of the Committee.

### **3. What is the purpose of the Review?**

To review the relevance and value for money of the Council's Mayoral function and to investigate any other options open to the Council.

### **4. What are the core questions the review is seeking to answer?**

The core themes of this review are as follows:

#### **1. To Review Budget, Expenses and Charitable Funding Generated.**

- a. Establish details of ESBC mayoral budget and expenses incurred for the last five years.

b. Establish how much charitable funding has been generated through the office of mayor for the last five years

## **2. To Review Mayoral Functions and Events**

a. Establish how many events the mayor has taken part in for the last five years.

- How many take place in East Staffordshire vs externally
- How many are community focused (e.g. visiting schools/community groups) vs formal (e.g. evening dinners & drinks) vs functional (e.g. attending funerals on behalf of ESBC)
- How many are organised by the Mayor vs attended by the mayor
- What is the social benefit / impact of these events?

b. Establish how many of the events in point 2a that are duplicated from one year to the next.

c. Establish how many of the events have been attending other mayor's functions.

d. Establish attendance numbers for the ESBC mayor's dinner for the last five years.

e. Undertake comparisons of each of the above to other districts in Staffordshire that have a mayor.

f. Establish information around the Mayor's Chauffeur

- Is there a pool of Chauffeurs, and if so how many?
- Does the Chauffeur service cater for both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor?
- What are the costs? Are there any additional costs, e.g. if the normal pool cannot operate?

## **3. To Review Alternative Models**

a. Investigate other potential operating models

b. Identify examples of councils in our locality that operate a different model

c. Review implications and costs associated with those alternative models

## **5. Scrutiny approach**

The activities to be carried out in order to complete the review may include desktop studies, benchmarking with partners and discussion with relevant Council representatives (which could include Members that have acted as Mayor of East Staffordshire).

## **6. In scope**

All aspects of the mayoralty including cost and benefit

## **7. Out of scope**

Aspects not related to the mayoralty.

## **8. What is the timescale?**

The subgroup intends to complete the review within two quarters.

## **9. What evidence / data do you need?**

- Operational data
- Financial data
- Other datasets as identified during the course of the review

## **10. Resources**

Who will be interviewed?

- Relevant Council representatives as identified during the course of the review

Are any partner agencies involved?

- None identified at outset of review