

Communities Committee	
Meeting Date	28 th June 2022
Report Title	Handover report: Executive model to committee system
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment and Leisure
Lead Officer	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing and Communities
Classification	Open
Recommendations	The committee is asked to <i>note</i> the contents of the report.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is intended to ensure that all communities committee members have a common understanding of the committee's remit, including the services it controls, and of current issues and large pieces of work relevant to that remit. Similar reports have been provided to all of the new service committees.

2 Background

- 2.1 Council agreed unanimously in October 2021 to move to a committee system of governance from the 2022/23 municipal year, and the new constitution was adopted in April 2022. The constitution establishes five politically-balanced service committees to undertake the decision-making on what would previously have been executive matters.
- 2.2 The communities committee has a number of areas of responsibility on which it is able to make decisions under delegation from council. These are set out in paragraph 2.3.2 of the constitution as follows:
- i. inclusivity and tackling disadvantage;
 - ii. crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour;
 - iii. CCTV;
 - iv. culture
 - v. leisure and sport
 - vi. play areas and outdoor fitness equipment
 - vii. voluntary and community sector;
 - viii. liaison with town and parish councils;
 - ix. parking;
 - x. heritage and conservation, including closed churchyards and

xi. to act as the Council's crime and disorder (overview and scrutiny) committee for the purposes of and with the powers set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and any regulations made under those Acts.

2.3 Appendix One provides committee members with some essential background information on some of these areas of responsibility.

3 Proposals

3.1 The committee is asked to *note* the contents of the report.

4 Alternative Options

4.1 As the report is for noting only, there are no alternative options.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

5.1 As the report is for noting only, no consultation has been undertaken or is proposed.

6 Implications

6.1 As the report is for noting only, there are no implications arising from the recommendations.

7 Appendices

7.1 Appendix One: Handover report

8 Background Papers

- Swale's [corporate plan 2020-2023](#)