

Procedure for electing Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Committee

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Purpose of Report	To seek agreement to bring the election of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Committee into line with elections for other committees
Single Integrated Assessment	N/A
List of Enclosures	None
Public Interest Test	N/A
Recommendation(s)	That the election for the posts of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Committee be carried out in line with elections for other committees at the first available scheduled meeting of the committee after the AGM each year.

I.1 Introduction or Background

Historically the Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Committee was elected by the whole Authority as this member also chaired the Grants Advisory Panel, the external group set up to bring wider expertise and guidance to the grant award scheme. While the committee and the panel now meet together rather than separately it has

been suggested that the Chair should be elected by the SDF Committee rather than by the whole Authority.

I.2 Proposals

The Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Planning, Access and Rights of Way Committee and Audit and Scrutiny Committee are elected by those committees during the AGM, involving only those members on the committee. The rationale for doing this as part of the AGM is that those members, as part of their roles, automatically sit on the Appointments Committee and other bodies, and so it is necessary to know who fills those roles.

There is no requirement for the Chair or Deputy Chair of the SDF Committee to sit on other committees by dint of their role, so there is no reason why these elections should not take place outside the AGM, at the first meeting of the committee scheduled after the AGM.

I.3 Implications

Holding this election outside the AGM would make that meeting a little shorter and a more effective use of time.

I.4 Risk

The value of continuing to hold the elections to SDF Committee is that they are held in the public domain at a webcast meeting. The SDF Committee is not webcast and does not meet in public.

I.5 Conclusion

Agreeing the recommendation would bring the elections of Chair and Deputy Chair in line with the procedure for other committees, although without the necessity to schedule them within the AGM each year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the election for the posts of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Sustainable Development Fund Committee be carried out in line with elections for other committees at the first available scheduled meeting of the committee after the **AGM** each year.

