

Annex 1 - Commercial Strategy Scrutiny Panel 2021

Terms of Reference

Background & Purpose

The Council has been developing a more commercial approach to its operations, with the aim of ensuring its financial sustainability, whilst maintaining its focus on public services and the wellbeing of residents and the borough. As part of this, the Council is developing a Commercial Strategy.

Part 1 of the Commercial Strategy, setting out the principles and purpose of the strategy, was considered and agreed by the Executive in November 2020, with it subsequently reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December 2020.

Part 2 of the Commercial Strategy is now being developed, which will include additional details on the delivery of these principles and the operation of the strategy. As part of the process for developing this second part of the strategy, the input of the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is sought through the consideration of the developing strategy by this Commercial Strategy Scrutiny Panel.

This panel will:

- consider the contents of the developing strategy
- provide feedback on the proposed contents of the strategy to the Executive
- have regard to ensuring that the proposed second part of the strategy is consistent with those principles set out in Part 1, and
- ensure that strategy supports the Council's wider goals as set out in its Corporate Plan, Reigate & Banstead 2025.

Membership

Membership will comprise 5 Members, appointed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee from within its membership.

Political proportionality requirements do not apply to scrutiny panels, but it will be sought to ensure that the membership of the panel reflects the general political balance of the Council.

Additional Members may be invited to attend and speak at meetings of the panel, where they can offer expertise and advice to support the work of the panel.

Chair

A Chair shall be elected at the first meeting of the panel in any Municipal Year.

Quorum

The quorum of the Commercial Strategy Scrutiny Panel 2021 will be not less than 3 (three) of the appointed members of the panel.