

RECONSTITUTION OF INFORMAL GROUPS – MEMBERS’ UNIVERSAL CREDITS WORKING GROUP

Services Select Committee – 19 June 2012

Report of the: Corporate Resources Director

Status: For Decision

This report supports the Key Aim of improving Service Performance in a cost effective way.

Head of Service Head of Legal and Democratic Services – Christine Nuttall

Recommendation: The Committee is asked to decide whether the Members’ Universal Credits Working Group should continue to meet and if so, agree membership for the 2012/13 municipal year.

Background

- 1 At the meeting of the Services Select Committee on 31 January 2011 it was agreed that a Members’ Universal Credits Working Group be set up to consider the In-depth Scrutiny topic of Universal Credits as they were a key element of the Welfare Reform Bill.

Introduction

- 2 The Working Group has met and reported regularly to this Committee and is currently at Stage 3 of the In Depth Scrutiny Process.

Membership of the Members’ Universal Credits Working Group

- 3 The previous membership of the Group was agreed at the meeting of the Services Select Committee on 31 January 2012 as:

Cllrs. Cllrs. Ball, Firth (Chairman), Hogarth, Horwood (Vice Chairman) and Raikes.
- 4 However at the Annual meeting of Council on 15 May 2012 the membership of the Services Select Committee was amended and Councillor Firth is no longer a member of this Committee.
- 5 Considering the significant work already undertaken and depth of knowledge gained by the members on this Working Group, the Committee may wish to consider maintaining the current membership. However technically there is now one vacancy. Members may therefore wish to consider appointing another Committee member to the vacancy and/or inviting Councillor Firth to remain as a guest of the Working Group.

Risk Assessment Statement

There is no risk attached to this report as long as the Members' Universal Credits Working Group follows the correct decision-making procedures in attempting to implement initiatives.

Sources of Information: Scheme of Delegations, Services Select Committee Minutes: 31.01.12 and 03.04.12, Annual Meeting of Council 15.05.12

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