

**Committee Effectiveness - Independent Assessments - Overview noted –
Instruction to Head of Audit and Inspection and Head of Policy and Corporate
Governance.**

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Audit and Inspection providing details of the main findings of the Committee Effectiveness Independent Assessments of City Policy and Scrutiny Committees that were recently undertaken and reported to the respective committees, advising

- (1) The Council's Standing Orders required all Committees to undertake an effectiveness evaluation each year, and in year 3 of the Council an independent assessment. These independent assessments were to ensure compliance with the Standing Orders and assessments were carried out by senior officers, who have had no, or limited, interaction with the Committee being reviewed;
- (2) of the full assessment reports for each committee, as detailed in the appendices to the report; and
- (3) of the next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) the recommendations and themes emerging from each of the assessments; and
 - (ii) that the Council's Corporate Leadership Team would review those actions; and
- (b) instructed the Head of Audit and Inspection and Head of Policy and Corporate Governance to monitor progress against the actions and coordinate a review of the committee structure in advance of the council elections in May 2027.