

Agenda Item No: 6

Report title: Mayor's Question Time – Format Proposal

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date: 23 August 2021

Public report: Yes

From: Anne Gardiner

Governance Manager

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

Recommendations: a) Comment on the proposal

b) Agree to implement the proposed format or

c) Suggest an alternative format to be considered by the Mayor

Voting arrangements: Simple majority of all members

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the proposed format for Mayor's Question Time session scheduled for November 2021.

2. Background

- 2.1 One of the recommendations from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny review into the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's arrangements was the programming of a regular and general Mayor's Question Time to allow high profile, direct holding to account of the Mayor.
- 2.2 The Chair and Vice Chair for the Committee met with the Mayor on the 4th August and discussed options around the possible formats for Mayor's Question Time; the proposal attached at Appendix 1 was the Mayor's preferred option.

- 2.3 The Committee are requested to review the proposal and either agree to its format for implementation for the session scheduled for the 22nd November 2021 or to suggest an alternative format to be taken back for further discussion with the Mayor.
- 3. Financial Implications
- 3.1 None
- 4. Legal Implications
- 4.1 None.
- 5. Appendices
- 5.1 Appendix 1 Mayor Question Time Format Proposal
- 6. Background Papers
- 6.1 CfGS Report