



**MINUTES OF THE ORGANISATION REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE ON
THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025 AT 6.00PM**

No	Item	Summary of Key Recommendations	Estimated Timescale for completion
1.	Apologies	<i>Alderman Fielding</i>	-
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>	-
3.	Minutes from the previous meeting held Thursday 16 th October 2025	<i>Confirmed as a correct record</i>	
4.	Update from the Chief Executive	<i>Noted</i>	-
5.	Number of Directorates	<i>Noted</i>	-
6.	Alignment of Service Areas	<i>Noted</i>	-
7.	The Finance Service / Internal Audit	<i>Noted</i>	-
8.	Planning Service	<i>Noted</i>	-
9.	Date of Next Meeting	<i>To recommend to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee that the next meeting is held on Thursday 19 February 2026</i>	-

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Chair: Alderman Knight-McQuillan

In Attendance: Councillors McCully, Nicholl, Storey

Officers Present: D Jackson, Chief Executive
I Owens, Committee & Member Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Fielding.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD THURSDAY 16
OCTOBER 2025**

Minute summary, previously circulated.

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Organisation Review Sub Committee held Thursday 16 October 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Councillor McCully
Seconded by Councillor Storey and

AGREED – that Organisation Review Sub Committee move ‘*In Committee*’.

The information contained in the following items is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

4. UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive provided an update and confirmed that he had further engaged with Elected Members who suggested the creation of an independent economic advisory role. The Chief Executive said that this role would aim to enhance innovation and growth as had been demonstrated in Belfast City Council. This would be a part time role with the postholder working 4-5 days a month roughly equating to 60 days a year. If agreeable the Chief Executive said he would consider more detail in terms of cost, funding, reporting lines and recruitment at the next meeting.

In response to Councillor Storey in relation to Planning, the Chief Executive advised that he had recently held a productive meeting with several of the main manufacturing firms of the Borough and was pleased to report positive feedback. The Chief Executive suggested making a Planning representative a member of the local town forums.

Councillor Peacock said she had no issue with the proposal and emphasised the importance of Planning and said she was keen to see a paper taken forward to the Local Economic Partnership.

Councillor Nicholl said he was happy to concur with previous comments and reiterated the need for Planning to be aware of economic factors impacting Councils.

Councillor McCully welcomed the option but would like to see more detail on outworkings and enquired if the postholder would generate ideas at strategic level. The Chief Executive said there were many Officers within the Prosperity and Place Service area of very high calibre but advised that an Independent Role could help to hold Invest NI and other economic partners to account.

Councillor Storey welcomed further expertise becoming available. The Chief Executive agreed to bring back a paper including budget and estimates.

In response to Councillor McCully the Chief Executive reminded Members of the recent structures that had been explored. This could form part of the next discussion. The Chief Executive said that at the next meeting a paper would be presented for consideration.

Sub Committee NOTED the verbal update.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor McCully
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

AGREED – to recommend that Committee move '*In Public*'.

5. NUMBER OF DIRECTORATES

This was considered under Item 4 Update from the Chief Executive.

6. ALIGNMENT OF SERVICE AREAS

This was considered under Item 4 Update from the Chief Executive.

7. THE FINANCE SERVICE / INTERNAL AUDIT

This was considered under Item 4 Update from the Chief Executive.

8. PLANNING SERVICE

This was considered under Item 4 Update from the Chief Executive.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED – to recommend to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee that the next meeting is held on Thursday the 19th of February 2026 at 6pm.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 6:30pm

Chair