



**MINUTES OF THE ORGANISATION REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
HELD VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE ON  
THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 6.00PM**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Summary of Key Recommendations</b>	<b>Estimated Timescale for completion</b>
1.	Apologies	<i>Alderman Fielding and Councillor Nicholl</i>	-
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>	-
3.	Minutes from the previous meeting held Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 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 be confirmed</i>	-

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**Chair:** Alderman Knight-McQuillan

**In Attendance:** Councillors McCully, Peacock, Storey

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were recorded for Alderman Fielding and Councillor Nicholl.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD THURSDAY 18  
DECEMBER 2025**

Minute summary, previously circulated.

**AGREED** – that the Minutes of the Organisation Review Sub Committee held on Thursday 18 December 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.

***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 gave a verbal update in respect of developments since the last meeting and referred the Sub Committee to the Job Description which he had shared with them in terms of the Economic Advisor and how it would sit in terms of structure/models.

In response to Members questions the Chief Executive felt that whilst there were highly capable Officers already engaged by Council, these persons were already at full capacity preparing for the signing of the Growth Deal on the 29<sup>th</sup>

of April. The Chief Executive advised that the postholder would provide independent economic advice to the LEP which is the key forum for making economic progress, including holding all economic agencies to account. In terms of timescales, it is proposed that this role would be on a 12 month pilot basis initially.

The Chief Executive said a Senior Planning Officer would be invited to attend the LEP.

Councillor Storey referred to some of the negative economic factors affecting the Borough and the challenges faced. Councillor Storey said that it would be good to have someone to co-ordinate and oversee what could be done better for the good of the ratepayer and referred to the financial burden which resulted from the outworkings of the Extraordinary Audit impacting on ratepayers.

Councillor Storey referred to the Housing Study which had been commissioned which he said was only as good as that which Council would be able to undertake and spoke of the importance of this Study.

Councillor Peacock welcomed the 12-month pilot referred to by the Chief Executive as well as the LEP element and looked forward to seeing what could be brought to the table with a strategic focus. Councillor Peacock said that the LEP was a good vehicle for developing ideas.

Councillor McCully spoke of the high-level strategic thinking that the Economic Advisor would bring to the table and looked forward to the inception of the pilot scheme.

The Chair welcomed the Chief Executive's comments as well as the 12 month pilot scheme and indicated that associated costs being covered by LEP was also a positive factor.

Councillor Storey said he was not averse to there being associated costs at some juncture if certain projects were required and suggested there would be a built in flexible financial resource.

The Chief Executive suggested that another meeting of the Organisational Review Sub Committee would be required to follow through and sign off proposals and, with agreement from the Sub Committee, a report would be taken to Committee for consideration and ratification at Council, hopefully before Easter 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Storey, seconded by Councillors Peacock and McCully:

**AGREED** – that the Report be presented to Committee and a final meeting of the Organisational Review Sub Committee takes place to close off the Organisation Review.

Sub Committee NOTED the verbal update.

**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**

To be agreed.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 6:35pm

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Chair