

## **Councils that have changed Governance Arrangements**

### **1.1 South Gloucestershire Council**

1.1.1 South Gloucestershire Council is a unitary authority with a population of 279,000 and has 70 Councillors. It adopted the Committee System in March 2013 and then in May 2017 resolved to move back to the Leader and Cabinet Model. This decision appears to have been made on the grounds that executive arrangements better reflected the political reality of a majority council and that the operation of executive arrangements provided an opportunity for more streamlined and efficient decision making.

### **1.2 Brighton and Hove Council**

1.2.1 Brighton and Hove Council is a unitary authority with a population of 288,200 and 54 Councillors. It adopted a Committee System in 2012 comprising of 6 policy committees and separate Overview and Scrutiny arrangements. The committees meet on an 8 weekly cycle.

1.2.2 If there is a matter of urgency the constitution provides for urgency sub committees to be held at short notice.

### **1.3 Reading Borough Council**

1.3.1 Reading Borough Council is a unitary authority with a population of 163,100 and 46 Councillors. It adopted the Committee System in 2013 comprising of four standing committees, 3 of which meet 3 times per year and the other which meets monthly. The Council appointed Lead Councillors, who are the members of the majority group on the Policy Committee.

1.3.2 The Council resolved not to appoint any separate overview and scrutiny committees. The statutory overview and scrutiny functions of the authority are dealt with by individual Committees.

### **1.4 Nottinghamshire County Council**

1.4.1 Nottinghamshire County Council has a population of 817,900 and 66 Councillors. It adopted a Committee system in 2012 which comprises of 7 Committees and a Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on a 6 weekly cycle.

### **1.5 Norfolk County Council**

1.5.1 Norfolk County Council has a population of 859,400 and 84 Councillors. It adopted a Committee system in 2014 which comprises of 7 Committees and a Health Scrutiny Committee which meet around 6 times per year. Norfolk County Council will be moving back to a Leader and Cabinet Model in May 2019.

1.6 Sutton Council

- 1.6.1 London Borough of Sutton Council has a population of 200,100 and 54 Councillors. It adopted a committee system in May 2012 which comprises of 4 Committees and a scrutiny committee which meet every 6 to 8 weeks.