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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL  
MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



- (i) Leadership
- (j) Effective political scrutiny
- (k) Effective decision making
- (l) Focus on all our customers
- (m) Achieving our ambition
- (n) Future proofing

These basic principles informed the discussion on the different types of Committee model.

- 4.2.2 Following the first meeting of the SLWG, a consultation was undertaken across all 36 Elected Members asking them to provide feedback on the current Political Management Arrangements, to makes,

involved in providing a robust scrutiny function. There would be no requirement for service Committees, there would be less

#### 4.4.3 **Regulatory Committee arrangements**

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vehicle for the Council developing its own islands initiative including a position statement for the islands which outlines the key areas for support, including any increased resources and powers from the Scottish Government and UK Government. At the conclusion of the current Council all Short Life Working Groups will cease to exist, and as such there will no longer be an Islands Task Force. It is noted that there is a national intention that there will be an Islands Bill put through Parliament and the new Council should ensure that it has a Group or Committee which would be able to assist in the implementation of such a Bill.

#### **4.4.8 Scrutiny Handbook**

The Scrutiny Handbook developed by the PRS Committee was also subject to discussion by the Group, in line with the initial Coun

meetings in 2017/2018 following on from the Local Government Elections (Appendices 4 and 5). Schedules have been produced which give an indication on meetings for both the Traditional Committee model, for the Cabinet model and for the Executive model. The Traditional Committee model has the same structure as is currently in place but in line with the discussions at the Group, the number of meetings of Council and Policy and Resources Committee have been reduced. It would be proposed that an update to the delegations for Service Committees would be undertaken to allow for more streamlined decision making which would make the move to fewer meetings of Policy and Resources Committee achievable. The Cabinet and Executive models incorporate meetings of the Council 4 times j 6.52383423 0 Td (c)TTTT9048 0 Td (h)Tj 6.52383423 0 Td (a

- resources available within the Governance team
- The Localism agenda will be picked up at an appropriate time once guidance is received from the Scottish Government

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy – none at this stage.

6.2 Financial – meeting schedules outlined in this report can be supported using existing financial resources.

6.3 Legal – none at this stage.

6.4 HR – none at present, but may have HR implications dependent on the agreement made by the new Council.

6.5 Equalities - none

6.6 Risk - none

6.7 Customer Service - none

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