

Below are the Terms of Reference for Westmorland and Furness Joint Committee. The Terms of Reference are drafted to comply with the requirements of the Structural Changes Order.

Westmorland and Furness Joint Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose

1. The formation of an Implementation Team to assist the Joint Committee and if required the Shadow Authority in the discharge of its functions.
2. To prepare, keep under review, receive updates on progress and revise as necessary the Implementation Plan.
 - (i) This to include such plans and timetables as are in the opinion of the Joint Committee necessary to secure the effective, efficient and timely discharge of such of its functions, property, rights and liabilities as relate to Westmorland and Furness and its inhabitants.
 - (ii) To agree budgets and plans as are considered necessary or desirable to facilitate the economic, effective, efficient and timely discharge on and after the 1st April 2023 of the functions of the Westmorland and Furness Council.
3. Preparing for and facilitating the economic, effective, efficient and timely transfer to the new Councils of functions, property, rights and liabilities.
4. To consider and recommend a Members Code of Conduct to be adopted by the Shadow Authority at its inaugural Full Council meeting
5. To agree the process for an independent review of a scheme of Members Allowances for the Shadow Authority, including the setting up of an Independent Remuneration Panel and to recommend to the Shadow Authority a scheme of Members Allowances for adoption at its inaugural meeting.
6. To consider and recommend a Constitution and schemes of delegation to be adopted by the Shadow Authority at its inaugural Full Council meeting
7. To agree and undertake the recruitment process for the selection of the posts of Interim Head of Paid Service, Interim Chief Finance Officer (section 151 Officer) and Interim Monitoring Officer for the Shadow Authority and recommend to the Shadow Authority at its inaugural meeting nominations for the three interim statutory Officers
8. To establish and propose a Calendar of Meetings for the Shadow Council for adoption at its inaugural meeting
9. To Manage the transition to the Shadow Authority under the Structural Changes Order
10. To oversee the smooth transition of all matters Civic and Ceremonial
11. The Joint Committee must have regard to:
 - (a) The information supplied to the Secretary of State
 - (b) Have regard to sections 27 and 28 of the Localism Act 2011 in formulating proposals for the codes of conduct to be adopted by the Shadow Authorities.

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