

| <b>Barriers to Politics Working Group</b> |                                                       |                 |               |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>REPORT</b>                             | Terms of Reference Barriers to Politics Working Group |                 |               |
| <b>KEY DECISION</b>                       | No                                                    | <b>Item No:</b> | 3             |
| <b>WARD</b>                               | N/A                                                   |                 |               |
| <b>CONTRIBUTORS</b>                       | Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)        |                 |               |
| <b>CLASS</b>                              | Part 1                                                | <b>Date:</b>    | 14 March 2017 |

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Terms of Reference for the Barriers to Politics Working Group is presented for members to agree.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Group is recommended to agree its Terms of Reference.

## 3. Terms of Reference

- 3.1 On 22 February 2017, when agreeing the creation of the Barriers to Politics Working Group, Full Council agreed the following terms of reference for the Group:

- The Group aims to identify and investigate the various barriers that exist for individuals wishing to apply for, or undertaking the role of Councillor, and to put forward recommendations to Full Council on how to address them.
- The Group will focus on barriers in each equality stream.
- The Working Group will bring a report to Council by September 2017.
- The Group will have the power to invite expert witnesses and to request relevant officers to attend meetings.
- The Group will require appropriate officer time and resources to support its work.