

St Albans City and District Council change in governance arrangements

At the Full Council meeting on 2 December 2020, St Albans City and District Council resolved to make a change in its governance arrangements pursuant to Sections 9K, 9KC and 9L of the Local Government Act 2000 as inserted by the Localism Act 2011.

The Council resolved:

- (i) That the Council moves from a Leader and Cabinet executive arrangements for governance to a Committee form of governance arrangements, to take effect from the Annual Council meeting in 2021.
- (ii) That the Solicitor to the Council prepares a draft revised Constitution to reflect the change of governance and provides an interim report to Council on 24 February 2021.
- (iii) That the Council carries out the publicity and consultation requirements for the change of governance arrangements.

Council will move to a Committee based structure to be designed, finalised and in place to take effect from the Annual Council meeting on 19 May 2021.

The main character of the change is to remove the 'Leader and Cabinet' form of governance that the Council has operated since 2001 and replace it with a 'Committee System' form of governance. This new form of governance will result in most decisions on Council functions being dealt with by politically balanced Committees subject to the general oversight of the Council. No individual Member of the Council has decision making powers. In the coming months, the redrafted Constitution and details of the revised Committee Structure for the new 'Committee System' form of governance will be published online [here](#).

Information on the Governance Restructure is available [here](#). People are invited to give their views about the proposals from Monday 1 February for a period of six weeks.

They can do so by emailing:

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