

Pre-Scrutiny questions and answers on reports being considered by O&S on 12 April 2022

Item 5 – Update on Joint Work of WDC and SDC

Question asked by Councillor Milton

Report on the Merger

Thanks for the additional information that's been provided this time - it feels more helpful from my perspective.

Questions as follows:

What's the milestone date we need to meet for commencement of preparation of local elections in 2023? If we don't get approval from the SoS before that point what is our plan?

The risk rating for 'Benefits' is amber. Is this based on a concern about the amount of benefit that will be achieved or the timescales over which that benefit will be realised?

In terms of the individual workstreams how frequently are the risk ratings reviewed?

PR015 - I'm assuming that the down arrow indicates that the risk has reduced (rather than that the situation has got worse). Can you confirm please?

Cabinet Papers:

For decisions made by the JCC what's the scrutiny process? I wasn't entirely clear.

Appendix 3 - does the gendered language need to be neutralised? It assumes that the Head of Service will always be female (vice versa would also be bad.) I'd also prefer the use of Chair rather than Chairman/Chairmen but realise this may not be the place to have that debate.

Is there provision for the submission of late papers? In the current system I normally get asked for my consent of papers that are going to the cabinet that breach the normal deadlines. What would happen if a later paper were needed for the JCC?

Response:

Item 6 – Shakespeare's England 2021 Summary

Question asked by Councillor Milton

1. Could we get the year-to-date figures for 2021 please? Even having 10 months of figures would I hope, enable us to see if there has been a significant change in circumstances.

2. Is it possible to see some figures that show us the membership split and the activity split (in terms of promotional activity) between Stratford District and Warwick District.

Response: