

**ORBIS PUBLIC LAW JOINT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** 31 OCTOBER 2016

**LEAD OFFICERS:** ABRAHAM GHEBRE-GHIORGHIS (EXECUTIVE LEAD OFFICER FOR STRATEGY, GOVERNANCE AND LAW), ANN CHARLTON (DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, DEMOCRATIC AND CULTURAL SERVICES SCC), PHILIP BAKER (ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE ESCC); AND TONY KERSHAW (DIRECTOR OF LAW, ASSURANCE AND STRATEGY WSCC).

**SUBJECT:** ORBIS PUBLIC LAW JOINT COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** For Members to collectively note the Terms of Reference for the Orbis Public Law Joint Committee.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Orbis Public Law (OPL) is the ambitious partnership between the legal departments of Brighton & Hove City Council, East Sussex County Council, Surrey County Council and West Sussex County Council.
2. In early 2016 Lead Members approved the strategic business plan for the partnership.
3. Monday 31 October 2016 marks the first meeting of the Orbis Public Law Joint Committee, which provides strategic management to the partnership.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Orbis Public Law Joint Committee:

- i. notes the Terms of Reference agreed by the constituent authorities set out in the appendix to this report; and
- ii. agrees that meetings are chaired by the Lead Member for the authority hosting the meeting.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To formally establish a robust and democratic governing authority for the Orbis Public Law partnership.

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# Appendix 1 – OPL Joint Committee Terms of Reference