

Costs – Estimated for other Councils

The council's listed below provided some information on a number of areas including costs. In terms of direct servicing costs the majority have not required additional committee servicing support, but they have not specified additional costs in relation to finance, legal or other support.

Council	Cost	What that covers
Brighton and Hove	*£45,000, looking to reduce this going forward as arrangements settle in	An estimated cost for extra officer time and printing
Kingston	No estimation/information given on actual costs	More time at meetings and some savings on members allowances
South Gloucestershire	Structure would have to remain within current budgets but there will be some cost for making the change	
Reading	Remain within current budget	The number of staff in democratic services have remained the same
Stroud	Anticipated some additional cost to provide legal and financial support, plus additional web casting and a new committee report system	No actual figure given, commitment that democratic services would remain within the budget

*Brighton and Hove have also decided to retain overview and scrutiny in their new governance arrangements.