

Appendix A**Council Meeting 29 January 2018****Minute of the Strategy and Resources Committee held on 15 January 2018****38. CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATES**

The Assistant Director, Chief Executive's Directorate (Customers, Commissioning and Governance) presented the report. A minor amendment to recommendation 2.3 was announced in order that it read Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.10.

Following discussion, Members agreed an additional recommendation that Appendix A should be amended to include that that "The Chair of the Audit and Governance committee should not be a member of Strategy and Resources Committee."

RESOLVED: that

1. It be recommended to Council that Article 8 of the Council's Constitution - Regulatory Committees and Other Bodies is amended to remove reference to the Appeals Committee and note that this function will be carried out by officers following the Annual Council Meeting in May.
2. It be recommended to Council that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director - Resources to consult with the trade unions and determine a new employee appeals process to be conducted by officers.
3. It be recommended to Council to appoint an Audit and Governance Committee to encompass the functions currently carried out by the Audit Committee and the Standards Committee with additional responsibilities for HR matters as set out in paragraphs 4.1-4.10, effective following the Annual Council Meeting in May.
4. It be recommended to Council to approve the purpose and functions of the Audit and Governance Committee for inclusion in Article 8 of the Council's Constitution, as set out at Appendix A.
5. It be recommended to Council to approve the amendment of Article 9 of the Council's Constitution - Standards Committee to note that the responsibilities for the Code of Conduct and Standards Regime will be delegated to the Governance and Audit Committee.
6. It be recommended to Council to delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to consider and determine requests to grant dispensations to members with a Disclosable Pecuniary or 'other' interest to allow them to attend meetings from which they would otherwise be excluded in accordance with provisions of the Localism Act.
7. It be recommended to Council that the Members' Allowance Scheme is updated to delete the Appeals and Audit Committee Chair Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) and create SRAs for the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee at the same level as the Audit Committee Chair

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and the Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee at the same level as the Pension Committee Chair.

8. The Leader of the Council be authorised to write to the outgoing Independent Chair and Independent Members of the Standards Committee to thank them on behalf of the Council for their years of voluntary public service in fairly and impartially overseeing standards of behaviour in the Council.
9. It be recommended that Council approve the deletion of Section 2, Article 7, Paragraphs 7.12 to 7.14 inclusive, relating to the Adult Social Services and Health Committee and the Children, Family and Education Committee, replacing with the purpose and functions of a new People Committee (as outlined in Appendix B).
10. It be recommended that Council approve the changes to standing orders in relation to council questions as outlined in paragraphs 4.16 to 4.20 of the report.
11. It be recommended to Council that authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution arising from these recommendations.
12. That Appendix A be amended to include that "The Chair of the Audit and Governance committee may not be a member of Strategy and Resources Committee." prior to recommendation to Council.

Councillors Tim Crowley, Neil Garratt and David Hicks abstained on recommendation 2.10.