

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	13 JUNE 2019	6
APPOINTMENT TO WORKING GROUP			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

At its meeting on 15 March 2018, the Audit and Standards Committee agreed to set up a working group to review the Constitution. The working group has reported progress to the Committee on 15 November 2018 and 17 January 2019, with amendments regarding remote access agreed by Council at its February 2019 meeting.

The working group still has work to undertake as part of its review of the constitution and therefore, in line with the appointment of other working groups following a local borough election, the Committee needs to formally reappoint the working group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee is invited to confirm the reappointment of the Constitution Review working group

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

15 March 2018 – Audit and Standards Committee confirmed the establishment of the Constitution working group.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

1. At its meeting on 15 March 2018 the Committee received a report regarding the review of the Constitution.
2. Article 13 of the Constitution directs that “the Monitoring Officer will review the Constitution every three years and seek its formal re-adoption by the Council.”
3. As it was three years since the Council adopted the new Constitution following the referendum to change the system of governance, and therefore it was timely to start the process of reviewing the constitution.

4. The constitution directs the Monitoring Officer to conduct the review. In this regard the Monitoring Officer felt it would be useful to work with members on the review, particularly with the Chairman of Audit and Standards who was in the strong position of being able to draw on his recent experience of chairing Council meetings together Group Leaders.
5. The input of members during the necessary re-writing of the constitution in 2014/15, to reflect the governance change, was invaluable.
6. Consequently the Audit and Standards Committee had established a working group to review the Constitution. The Chairman, as directed by the committee, had liaised with group leaders in terms of membership of the group, with both Councillor Peter Collins and Councillor Roger Small being subsequently included in the membership, with the agreement of Group Leaders.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	No implications arising from this report
Legal	No implications arising from this report
Community Safety	No implications arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	No implications arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
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None		