

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	20 MAY 2021	5
CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT – TERMS OF REFERENCE - COMMITTEES			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

In line with its constitutional role to review and recommend amendments to Council, the Committee is asked to consider amendments to the terms of reference of several committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To recommend the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the committees (Part 2 and Part 3 of the Council's Constitution – Responsibility for Functions), as they appear at Appendix A, to Council.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council – 7 December 2020

Item 13. Constitution Amendment – Terms of Reference - Committees

It was RESOLVED to approve the recommended proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the committees (Part 2 and Part 3 of the Council's Constitution – Responsibility for Functions), as reported by Councillor Singleton.

Audit and Standards Committee – 26 November 2020

Item 12. Constitution Amendment – Terms of Reference – Committees

It was RESOLVED to recommend the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the committees (Part 2 and Part 3 of the Council's Constitution – Responsibility for Functions), as they appear at Appendix A, to Council.

Audit and Standards Committee - 19 January 2017

Item 4. Governance Review

To add the following wording to the constitution under the remit of the Operational Management Committee; "Considering reports, reviewing and formulating where necessary policies relating to building control and land charges"

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	

REPORT

1. At Council in December 2020, a number of changes were made to the terms of reference of the Council's committees. These amendments were the first substantial changes to the terms of reference for the programme committees since their inception in 2015
2. A number of further suggested amendments are put before Audit and Standards Committee for consideration relating to the Planning Committee and Finance and Democracy Committee with regards to Economic Development and Regeneration.
3. The Planning Committee currently has responsibility for Economic Development and Regeneration. Meanwhile the joint Committee/The Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Economic Prosperity Board is a strategic forum for economic development issues on the Fylde coast as well as being the Programme Board for the Hillhouse and Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zones. The Leader represent Fylde on this Joint Committee but doesn't sit on the Planning Committee. The Joint Committee reports progress to the Finance and Democracy Committee, not the Planning Committee.

Finance and Democracy Committee

4. Investment in economic development and regeneration is so vital to the recovery of the borough post pandemic it is proposed that this at a strategic level should sit within the remit of the Finance and Democracy Committee. This will sit with its links to the Economic Prosperity Board. The new term of reference would be;

To develop and establish a framework of strategic economic development policies that interface with national, regional and sub regional economic development initiatives.

Planning Committee

5. It is suggested that the Planning Committee has an advisory role in respect of Economic Development and Regeneration. Points 7 and 8 of the existing terms of reference for the Planning Committee would be replaced with;

To advise the Finance & Democracy Committee regarding the establishment of strategic economic development policies that align with the vision set out in the development plan and to oversee the delivery of regeneration projects set out in the council's Corporate Plan and Economic Development Strategy.

6. A tracked changed version of the terms of reference is attached at Appendix A to assist members.

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		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Constitution	19/4/2021	HYPE https://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/ConstitutionGovernanceMatters.aspx

Attached documents

Appendix A – tracked changes of terms of reference