

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	16 MARCH 2023	8
CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP – CLOSURE REPORT			

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

The current term of office for the council will end in May 2023 with the Borough elections and the return of a new group of elected members. The Boundary Commission Review means that there will be a reduction in the number of elected members from 51 to 37 and the governance review undertaken in response to the reduced membership of the council will see the creation of an executive policy committee and scrutiny arrangements. The council from May 2023 will have new governance that will require different working arrangements. At the final meeting of each committee for the current term of office the working groups and boards that have been established and appointed by the committee will be formally closed and disbanded where appropriate to create the opportunity for the new council to review and determine the most appropriate arrangements under the new governance structure.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the committee disband the Constitution Working Group and acknowledges that the members of the Group appointed by the committee have fulfilled the intended objectives and aims set by the committee.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The Working Group was formed by the Audit and Standards Committee on 17 March 2022 with a remit:

“To undertake a time-bound piece of work to review the constitution, proposing any changes to the Audit and Standards Committee for its agreement, prior to the council being invited to endorse any changes prior to the May 2023 local election.”

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

- The Constitution Working Group was established in March 2022 by this committee. The terms of reference for the group are included below:

“To undertake a time-bound piece of work to review the constitution, proposing any changes to the Audit and Standards Committee for its agreement, prior to the council being invited to endorse any changes prior to the May 2023 local election.”

2. The Audit and Standards committee received a report on changes to the Constitution from May 2023 at its meeting held on 19 January 2023. The changes were approved at full Council on 6 February 2023 to take effect from May 2023.
3. The Constitution Working Group has fulfilled the remit set by this committee and members of the group are thanked for their hard work, dedication, and contribution.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications
Community Safety	There are no community safety implications
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no human rights or equalities implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no sustainability or environmental implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no health & safety or risk management implications

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
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