

Constitution and Standards Committee – Terms of Reference and Operating Arrangements

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1. Summary

- 1.1. Attached to this report are the Committee's terms of reference and operating arrangements as agreed by the Council on 24th May 2017. The report is for information only.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. **This report is for information only and is for members to note.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council at its meeting on 24th May agreed to amalgamate the Constitution and Standards Committees to form a Constitution and Standards Committee. In making this decision the Council considered the recommendations from both committees supporting an amalgamation.
- 3.2 The key elements of the new committee arrangements are summarised below:
- Political proportionality to be waived in relation to the elected membership of the Committee with one member per political group appointed.
 - The co-opted members of the Standards Committee were appointed to the Committee as non-voting members and with a renewed term of office.
 - The Council has appointed the Chairman of the Committee
 - The functions of the Constitution and Standards Committees have been brought together in the new Committee and including the functions of the Council in respect of Council elections and boundary reviews. The exception to this is the role to determine complaints against members which are now subject to separate arrangements under the Constitution.
 - The Council placed limits on the delegations to the Committee on constitutional matters.

4. Implications

- 4.1. Legal & Risk: Not applicable as the report is for information.
- 4.2. Impact Assessment: Not applicable as the report is for information.
- 4.3. Financial: Not applicable as the report is for information.
- 4.4. HR: Not applicable as the report is for information. .

5. Background papers

- 5.1. None

Note: For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author.