

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

The Members' Code of Conduct Committee has met once since the last Council meeting, on 14 April 2016, and considered the following item of business.

1. Review of the Constitution

- 1.1 The Committee noted that the Constitution had last been reviewed by the Council in 2012 and that a recent internal review had highlighted the need for various technical amendments to be made to ensure that it remained appropriate and relevant as the main tool by which the Council managed its business and was kept up to date with changing legislation.
- 1.2 The Committee looked in detail at the proposed changes being made to the Constitution and discussed them with the Deputy Monitoring Officer.
- 1.3 The Committee agreed to:
 - recommend Cabinet to agree the changes to the delegations of all executive functions;
 - recommend Cabinet to recommend Council to approve the revised Constitution subject to: amendments to the Planning Code in respect of: clarifying 'planning reasons' by the addition of the word 'material'; and including a procedure at Committee for situations where a member of the Planning Committee has 'Called-in' an application; and corrections to a number of minor typographical errors and consistency issues which occurred throughout the Constitution; and
 - recommend Cabinet to recommend Council to agree the proposed changes to non-executive functions; and to delegate to the Monitoring Officer, consequential changes to the Scheme of Delegations to Officers (part 3d) following the appointments of Group Heads.

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Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

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