

Review of Part 12 of the Constitution - Corporate Parenting

Purpose

1. To consider proposed changes to Part 12 of the Constitution - Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors

Background

2. Part 12 of the Constitution describes various roles of elected members and expectations for those roles
3. Paragraphs 6.5-6.6 relate to an elected member's role as a 'corporate parent' and the Corporate Parenting Panel which exists to facilitate that role.

Main Considerations

4. At its meeting on 26 January 2016 the Corporate Parenting Panel (CPP) approved a Corporate Parenting Strategy for 2016-2018, which had been created following an Ofsted inspection to clarify and strengthen the council's priorities and processes. This included revised terms of reference of the Panel within the approved strategy.
5. The proposed changes would amend paragraphs 6.5-6.6 of Part 12, and replace the existing Part 12A - Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel - with the new strategy.
6. Part 12A currently also includes the terms and reference of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel. As such, if the proposed changes from the CPP are approved, this would result in a consequential change to move its terms of reference to a new Part 12B.
7. At its meeting on 22 March the Constitution Focus Group considered the changes and recommended amendments to ensure consistency with the rest of the Constitution, while accepting the principle of the proposals.
8. The Standards Committee is therefore asked to consider the proposed changes as detailed at appendix 1.

Recommendation

9. To recommend that Council should approve the proposed changes to Part 12 of the Constitution detailed at Appendix 1.

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Background Papers: None

Appendix 1 - Revised Part 12 and 12A of the Constitution