

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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### MINUTES EXTRACT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2019 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

#### 18 **Recommendations from the Constitution Focus Group**

A report was received from the Monitoring Officer outlining proposed changes to the Constitution as recommended by the Constitution Focus Group.

Part 10 of the Constitution was in relation to procurement and contract regulations. This had been updated to further simplify the regulations and clarify processes to be followed including the correction of now out of date information and the responsibilities of roles within the Council. The Focus Group had considered the changes appropriate and necessary, and the Committee was content to recommend the proposals for adoption by Full Council.

Protocol 8 was in relation to partnership working, but after review was recommended to be removed as it was not fit for purpose, sitting outside and at odds with the council's present commercial policy and approach. The Audit Committee was in agreement with the approach of removing the document, to be replaced by a partnership working framework to be adopted by Cabinet, which was felt to be a more appropriate level for the framework to be approved.

Protocol 10, which would become Protocol 9 after the partnership protocol was removed, related to the Code of Corporate Governance. The document had not been reviewed since 2010, and a revised version had been prepared to reflect Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy guidance. Both the Constitution Focus Group and Audit Committee had agreed the new protocol.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was,

#### **Resolved:**

**To recommend Council approve the revised Part 10 and Protocol 10 of the Constitution and remove Protocol 8 of the Constitution.**