

Wiltshire Council

Standards Committee

20 April 2022

Constitutional Changes Report

Purpose of Report

1. This report asks the Standards Committee to consider recommendations of the Constitution Focus Group in relation to Part 3B of the Constitution
 - Paragraphs 2.8 of Part 3B – Terms of Reference of the Audit and Governance Committee

Background

2. The Standards Committee has responsibility for oversight of the Council's constitution. It has established a cross party working group, known as the Constitution Focus Group, to advise and assist in carrying out this function.
3. The Focus Group met on 29 March 2022 to review proposed changes relating to the Audit and Governance Committee.

Main Considerations

4. At its meeting on 1 March 2022, the Audit and Governance Committee following a review of its arrangements resolved to recommend to Council that its terms of reference be amended to permit appointment of an independent co-opted member.
5. The Audit and Governance Committee included revised wording to the terms of reference as set out at Paragraph 2.8 of Part 3B of the Constitution.
6. The Focus Group supported the proposed wording in relation to the membership change. It also made a number of minor clarifications not considered by the Audit and Governance Committee. The final proposal is set out at Appendix A.
7. The Independent Remuneration Panel has been asked to reconvene to advise on whether it recommends the co-opted member of Audit and Governance Committee should receive an allowance.

Safeguarding Implications

8. There are no safeguarding issues arising from this report.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

9. There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

Risk Assessment

10. There are no risk issues arising from this report.

Financial Implications

11. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

12. The recommendations in this report are consistent with the council's duties under relevant legislation.

Public Health Impact of the Proposals

13. There are no public health impacts arising from this report.

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

14. There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

Workplace Impact

15. There are no workplace impacts arising from this report.

Proposal

16. **To recommend Full Council approve the revisions to Part 3B of the Constitutions as set out in Appendix A.**

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Appendices

Appendix A –Part 3, Section 2.8

Background Papers

[Part 3 of the Constitution](#)