
MINUTES EXTRACT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2014 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

28 **Recommendations from the Constitution Focus Group - Part 3 of the Constitution**

The Chairman of the Committee and the Deputy Monitoring Officer introduced the proposed changes to Part 3 of the Constitution, Responsibility for Functions and Schemes of Delegation, following consideration by the Constitution Focus Group.

It was stated the majority of changes were to clarify matters and eliminate duplication to make it clearer and easier to follow, including a new contents and definitions section with a focus on principles of decision making for delegated decisions. There were also changes to reflect changes in legislation and operational practice, as detailed in the report, with clarifications on the allocation of applications to specific planning committees and the call-in of officer delegated decisions, which would in future all be published on the council's intranet. Additionally, due to its length, it was proposed the rules and procedures for the Police and Crime Panel be removed from Part 3 of the Constitution and placed in a separate protocol, although no changes would be made to the details.

Members discussed the changes in detail, seeking clarification on which criteria would be considered by the Associate Director when determining which planning committee would consider a specific application which had been called in, with some concerns raised that with the Core Strategy being currently unadopted, the criteria allowed speculative outline applications to be submitted and considered by area planning committees, despite have a clear strategic impact once the full details would be brought forward. In response to queries it was also confirmed there were no proposed changes to the scheme of delegation in respect of licensing.

At the end of discussion, it was,

Resolved:

To recommend that Council approve the proposed changes to Part 3 of the Constitution, including the transfer of the Police and Crime Panel Arrangements to a new Protocol.