



General Purposes Committee Report

Meeting	General Purposes Committee
Date:	6 November 2013
Classification:	For General Release
Title:	Constitutional Changes: Policy and Scrutiny Committees
Wards Affected:	Not Applicable
Financial Summary:	None
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The changes to Cabinet announced by the Leader of the Council on 21 October 2013 will have consequential changes to the work of the Council's current Policy and Scrutiny Committees. The changes proposed are outlined below in paragraph 4.2.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council be recommended to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the necessary changes to the Terms of Reference of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee as outlined in paragraph 4.2 below.

3. Reason for Decision

- 3.1 The changes outlined require some minor adjustments to the terms of reference of Policy and Scrutiny Committees. The proposals are outlined below:

4. Background

- 4.1 The Leader of the Council, following the resignation from the Cabinet of Councillor Jonathan Glanz announced that his former portfolio would be allocated amongst other Cabinet Members, and some other functions also reallocated as a consequence.
- 4.2 As a result of the Cabinet changes it is necessary to review the work allocations of the Policy and Scrutiny Committees whose work programmes have been developed on the basis of the former portfolios. Following the Cabinet changes it is now proposed that allocation to Policy and Scrutiny Committees be as follows:

Adults, Health and Community Protection Policy and Scrutiny Committee

Terms of Reference 2 (a) amended to read:

- (a) To carry out the Policy and Scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Constitution in respect of matters relating to all those duties within the terms of reference of the Cabinet Member for **Adults and Public Health** and the Cabinet Member for **Community Protection, Premises and Parking**.

Children and Community Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee: No changes are proposed.

Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee: Terms of Reference 2 (a) amended to read:

- (a) To carry out the Policy and Scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Constitution in respect of all those duties within the Terms of Reference of the Cabinet Member for **Built Environment** and the Cabinet Member for **City Management, Transport and Environment**.

Housing, Finance and Customer Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee:

Terms of reference 2 (a) amended to read:

- (a) To carry out the Policy and Scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Constitution in respect of all those duties within the Terms of Reference of the Cabinet Member for **Business, Skills and Housing** and the Cabinet Member for **Finance, Resources and Customer Services**.

- 4.3 Each of the Policy and Scrutiny Committees impacted will be asked to review their Work Programmes at their next meeting.
- 4.4 The Chief Whip of the Majority Party has consulted the Chairmen of the Policy and Scrutiny Committees who have raised no objection to the proposals. The Chief Whip of the Minority Party has also been consulted.
5. **Financial Implications:** None.
6. **Legal Implications:** None.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: None.