

APPENDIX 1

Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

Membership

Seven members, two from each of the three largest groups on the council and one from the minority group.

Four ex-officio members with rights to speak but not vote:

- Member of the Cabinet with responsibility for Corporate Governance
- The Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee,
- The Chair of the Standards Committee
- Person having specialist knowledge of treasury management (to be appointed and attend as required).

No leaders of any group shall be a member of the Committee

Proportionality need not apply to this Committee.

Terms of Reference

Delegated authority in respect of all powers and duties set out below and all other Council functions not required to be determined by the full Council and not delegated to any other committee:

1. To be responsible for:
 - 1.1. Monitoring the operation of the council's Constitution and keeping its terms under review, including all procedure rules
 - 1.2. Making recommendations to the council for any change or additions to the procedure rules or Articles of the Constitution or executive arrangements
2. To determine all matters relating to the adoption and operation of the Members' Allowances Scheme including recommendation to the council of the adoption of or amendment to any such Scheme
3. To keep under review the portfolios of the Cabinet and the terms of reference and delegations of Council functions to committees and formally appointed bodies and officers
4. To consider the council's arrangement relating to accounts including

- (a) the approval of the statement of accounts and any material amendments of the accounts recommended by the auditors
 - (b) to keep under review the council's financial and management accounts and financial information as it sees fit
- 5. To consider the council's arrangements relating to the external audit requirements including:
 - (a) the receipt of the external audit reports so as to;
 - (i) inform the operation of the council's current or future audit arrangements
 - (ii) provide a basis for gaining the necessary assurance regarding governance prior to the approval of the council's accounts
- 6. To consider the council's arrangements relating to internal audit requirements including:
 - (a) considering the Annual Internal Audit report, reviewing and making recommendations on issues contained therein
 - (b) monitoring the performance of internal audit
 - (c) agreeing and reviewing the nature and scope of the Annual Audit Plan
- 7. To review the adequacy of the council's Corporate Governance arrangements (including matters such as internal control and risk management) and including to review and approve the annual statement of Corporate Governance.
- 8. To agree and update regularly the council's Code of Corporate Governance, monitoring its operation and compliance with it, and using it as a benchmark against performance for the annual Statement of Corporate Governance.
- 9. To designate the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and all statutory "proper officers".
- 10. To approve payments or provide other benefits in cases of maladministration as required and make recommendations arising from any review of a report of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
- 11. Following a decision of Council to undertake a community governance review to agree the terms of reference for and conduct such a review, making recommendations to Council who will determine the outcome of such reviews.
- 12. Functions relating to elections and parishes set out in Part D of Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (or any replacement or amendment of it)

13. Charities and charitable trusts (so far as not the responsibility of Cabinet).
14. Responsibility for reviewing and challenging all treasury management activities.
15. To determine appointments of individuals to outside bodies (except school governing bodies) and revocation of such appointments.
16. To determine nominations for charitable trustees in cases where there has been failure reach agreement.
17. To receive updates and monitor compliance with the Council's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) policy