

<b>Report to</b>	Standards Committee
<b>Date of meeting</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
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<b>Title</b>	Standards Committee Terms of Reference

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. The report is about the Committee's terms of reference

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. To seek the committee's views on the terms of reference and whether they need to be amended.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1. That the Committee considers the current terms of reference of the Committee attached as Appendix 1 to this report and any changes that may be required.

## **4. Report details**

4.1. The Committee's current Terms of Reference are contained within the Council's Constitution and are attached to this report as Appendix 1.

4.2. The terms of reference will need to be amended to include the new duties introduced by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, (the Act), relating to the role of political group leaders in maintaining high standards of conduct within their groups and the making of an annual report to Council.

4.3. Given that the terms of reference require amendment to reflect the provisions of the Act it is an opportune time to consider whether any further amendments are required.

- 4.4. The Monitoring officer will provide a verbal report at the meeting in respect of the functions and roles which other Standards Committees in other authorities undertake by way of a comparison in order that the Committee may consider whether or not to recommend further changes.
- 4.5. Should the Committee consider that changes are required to the terms of reference, any recommended changes will have to be considered by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee before being presented to Council for approval.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

- 5.1. The report has no direct impact upon the corporate priorities.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

- 6.1. There are no costs directly associated with this report.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. An assessment is not required for this report.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1. There have been no consultations with Scrutiny. As the report suggests, if the committee wishes to recommend any changes to the Terms of Reference these will need to be reported to the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, and if approved by that Committee they will need to be referred to Full Council for approval to make the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

- 9.1. There are no direct resource implications of this report.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

10.1. There are no risks associated with this report.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. The Committee is entitled to consider its own terms of reference and to make recommendations in respect of them. The Committee does not have power to decide to amend those terms of reference as that would amount to a change to the Council's constitution which can only be approved by Full Council following a recommendation by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.