

CONSTITUTION AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 30 September 2021

REPORT TITLE:	GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report updates the Constitution and Standards Committee on the activities of the Governance Working Group during the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

This is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Constitution and Standards Committee is recommended to note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The report enables the Committee to remain up to date with the ongoing activity of the Governance Working Group and potential forthcoming items for the Committee's consideration.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Not to receive an update from the Governance Working Group.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Constitution and Standards Committee at its meeting on 23 June 2021 resolved to appoint one member from each group to serve on the Governance Working Group.
- 3.2 Following those appointments, the Governance Working Group has met to consider a range of issues referred to them by the Constitution and Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer.
- 3.3 The Group has considered and discussed a broad range of issues, a summary of which is listed below:

Meeting	Topic	Resolution
4 August 2021	Update on Independent Remuneration Panel	That the Governance Working Group notes the arrangements at hand and awaits the outcome of the studies done by the Independent Remuneration Panel.
	Active Travel	That the Governance Working Group understands the considerations that led to the matter being raised but believes that arrangements have been made about the composition of the bodies and that the Committees are able to consider the relevant aspects of Active travel at the appropriate stages.
	Petition Scheme	That it be recommended that within any new Petition Scheme, those presenting a petition be allow up to 3 minutes to deliver and comment upon their petition.
	Health and Wellbeing Board	That further work on the Health and Wellbeing Board be added to the Governance Working Groups' work programme.
	Flag Flying Protocol	That the approach of officers to ensure that the protocol accords with any changes to national guidance be noted.
	Partnerships Committee	That any review of the Partnerships Committee and its Terms of Reference be

		deferred until the end of the 2021/22 Municipal Year.
	Social Media Protocol for Members	That there be no need to review the Social Media Protocol for Members.
	Decision Review Committee	That Political Groups be requested to undertake sounding of their members to understand how they feel the Decision Review Committee process went and consider whether the Governance Working Group needs to consider new arrangements for Decision Review or whether practical steps are required to change the existing process, with comments to be fed into the group representative on the Governance Working Group.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Working Groups may be established in accordance with Part 3, Section B of the Council Constitution from time to time to develop recommendations or investigate issues of interest or concern.

The relevant Committee shall specify terms of reference and membership for the Working Group, which may include inviting persons holding relevant expertise or knowledge and Members who are not members of the parent Committee.

It should be noted that working groups do not have to comply with political proportionality requirements.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are no risks arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The report is provided for information and as such so engagement or consultation has been undertaken.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct environment or climate implications arising from this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

11.1 There are no direct Community Wealth Building implications arising from the report

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Constitution
Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Constitution and Standards Committee	24 February 2021