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| Meeting: | General Purposes Committee Council | Date: | 12 January 2021 28 January 2021 |
| Subject: | Constitutional Changes | | |
| Report Of: | Head of Paid Service | | |
| Wards Affected: | All | | |
| Key Decision: | No | Budget/Policy Framework: | No |
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| Appendices: | 1. Revised Part 3B – Council Functions 2. Revised Planning and Development Code of Practice 3. Revised Probity in Licensing and Enforcement – Code of Practice | | |

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1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To propose changes to the Council's Constitution to reflect a change to the functions of full Council and reviews in relation to the Codes of Practice relating to Planning and Licensing.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 General Purposes Committee is asked to consider the information contained in the report and make **RECOMMENDATIONS** to Council on the proposed changes to the Constitution.
- 2.2 Council is asked to **RESOLVE** to consider the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee and adopt the proposed changes to the Constitution.

3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 Attached at the appendices are the following:
- 3.2.1 Revised Part 3B – Council Functions
 - 3.2.2 Revised Planning and Development Code of Practice
 - 3.2.3 Probity in Licensing and Enforcement – Code of Practice
- 3.2 An addition to Council Functions is proposed to in order to provide clarity for how the council exercises its functions as Trustee in respect of all Trusts that it holds. This requirement has been highlighted by recent matters relating to Saintbridge Trust.

3.3 It is good practice to periodically review all parts of the council's Constitution and while the Codes of Practice continue to be fit for the purpose of supporting the council's regulatory processes, this review has enabled references to legislation to be updated, and provided an opportunity to simplify both documents with the aim of increasing clarity for all parties to these regulatory processes. The proposed changes to each Code of Practice are shown as tracked changes within the Appendices.

4.0 Social Value Considerations

4.1 Not applicable

5.0 Environmental Implications

5.1 Not applicable

6.0 Alternative Options Considered

6.1 Not applicable

7.0 Reasons for Recommendations

7.1 To keep the Constitution under periodic review.

8.0 Future Work and Conclusions

8.1 Further reviews and proposed revisions will be made in the future to reflect the fact that the Constitution is an evolving document.

9.0 Financial Implications

9.1 None arising from the content of this report

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.)

10.0 Legal Implications

10.1 None arising from the content of this report

(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation of this report.)

11.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications

11.1 Not applicable

12.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA) and Safeguarding:

12.1 The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact, therefore a full PIA was not required.

13.0 Community Safety Implications

13.1 Not applicable

14.0 Staffing & Trade Union Implications

14.1 Not applicable

Background Documents: None