

REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE 02/2023/24

FULL COUNCIL 20 November 2023

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report arises from the Standards Committee meeting held on the 31st of October 2023 and asks Full Council to consider the following:

Amendments to the Council's Constitution to respond to the action arising from the Independent External Property Services Review that the delegated authority about the management of land be amended to reflect the corporate nature of the asset.

2. **Changes to the Constitution Part Three – Responsibilities for Functions, Section E – Scheme of Delegation - Section 2 General Delegation to Directors, Property Matters.**

2.1 We noted that the Independent External Property Review that was considered by Cabinet in April 2023 and the action plan which included a full response to each of the Review's recommendations, together with clearly defined actions and dates by when these were to be completed. As set out at Appendix 2, External Property Review Action Plan, actions relating to reference items 2, 6,7 and 10 had already been completed and agreed at Full Council on the 17th of July 2023.

2.2 We continued to consider a further constitutional action, that the delegated authority on the management of land be amended to reflect the corporate nature of the asset. We noted the comments of the Constitution Working Group as set out at Appendix 1. This group had closely considered the changes and their comments had been responded to in the iterations put forward. We were further assured that these changes to delegations would inform the compilation of a property decision making protocol which would be appended to the Council's Constitution.

2.3 We also agreed that outdated references to Staffing and Remuneration Committee and previous officer postholder names be updated in the proposed published version of Part Three – Responsibilities for Functions, Section E – Scheme of Delegation - Section 2 General Delegation to Directors, Property Matters for accuracy purposes. This has been responded to in Appendix 5.

3. WE RECOMMEND

Council adopts the proposed amendments to Part Three – Responsibilities for Functions, Section E – Scheme of Delegation - Section 2 General Delegation to Directors, Property matters as **set out at Appendix 5.**

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Standards Committee Cover report outlining summary and reasons for amendments changes.

Appendix 2 External Property Review Action Plan

Appendix 3 Strategic Asset Management and Property Improvement Plan 2023-28.

Appendix 4 Track changes to Part Three – Responsibilities for Functions, Section E – Scheme of Delegation - Section 2 General Delegation to Directors, (updated following CWG on the 6th of October 2023)

Appendix 5 Responsibilities for Functions, Section E – Scheme of Delegation - Section 2 General Delegation to Directors, Clean Version (updated following CWG on the 6th of October 2023 and following Standards Committee comments as outlined at paragraph 2.3 above.