



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 6 DECEMBER 2024

JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES AND THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval of the revised Terms of Reference for the Corporate Governance Committee.

Background

2. In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the County Council has delegated to the Corporate Governance Committee responsibility for all non-executive functions relating to the promotion and maintenance of high standards and integrity within the Authority. This is in relation to governance, risk, financial management, standards of conduct by members and co-opted members and the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal and external audit of the Council's services.
3. This delegation is included within the Council's Constitution (Part 3). It has recently been simplified for the purposes of the Constitution, the intention being that in future the detailed terms of reference will be agreed directly by the Corporate Governance Committee, similar to the process followed for the Local Pension Committee.
4. The revised delegation as contained within Part 3 of the Constitution was approved by full Council at its meeting on 4th December 2024.
5. The revised detailed terms of reference for approval by this Committee are appended to his report.

Terms of Reference Review

6. The review of the detailed terms of reference has been undertaken having regard to changes in legislation, best practice, other relevant guidance and having considered the terms of reference of other similar Committees.
7. While the main features of the original terms of reference have been retained, the revised terms of reference, attached as an appendix to this report, have been categorised and to more clearly set out the varied roles and functions of the Committee.

8. The other key change is the proposal that in future, as is the case for most other authorities, it is proposed that the Statement of Accounts for the Council and the Pension Fund be presented to the Corporate Governance Committee (not the Constitution Committee) for approval.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to approve the revised Terms of Reference set out in the Appendix to this report.

Equality Implications

None.

Human Rights Implications

None.

Appendix

Revised Terms of Reference

Background Papers

Report to full Council – 4th December 2024 – Annual Review of the Constitution
<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=7390&Ver=4>

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