

COUNCIL MEETING – 19TH JULY 2023

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- 1. approve the amendments to the Constitution as attached at Appendix 1 to the report to the Corporate Policy Committee;**
- 2. agree that the Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee functions be incorporated into the functions of the Highways and Transport Committee as shown in Appendix 2;**
- 3. agree to realign the Planning Committees from 3 to 2, with responsibilities as set out in Appendix 2;**
- 4. delegate to the Monitoring Officer, the power to make such consequential changes to the Council's Constitution as he deems necessary to give effect to the wishes of Council; and**
- 5. note the savings in relation to venues for meetings and printing and postage of agendas.**

Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee meeting on 15 June 2023

8 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM

The Committee considered a report which made recommendations for changes to the Constitution in relation to the rules of debate and notices of motion, and recommendations for Council to consider as improvements to the future functionality of the committee system. The report had been considered by the previous Constitution Working Group.

Councillor B Puddicombe, Chair of the Strategic Planning Board, and Councillor F Wilson, Vice-Chair of the Northern Planning Committee, spoke as visiting members in relation to the proposed changes to the planning committees, stating that in their view the case for the proposed changes had not been made.

Jane Gowing, Interim Director of Planning and Peter Hooley, Planning and Enforcement Manager attended the meeting for this item and responded to members' questions regarding the proposed changes to the planning committees. They advised that the proposed changes would achieve savings in officer time and administration.

RESOLVED (by majority)

That Council be recommended to

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