

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**25 February 2019**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer**

**Review of the Terms of Reference for the Standards Committee**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To consider and approve the terms of reference for the Standards Committee for the forthcoming municipal year. On 10 January 2019, the Committee recommended that the Committee would be re-named as the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee.

**2. Information and Analysis**

It is good practice to regularly review the terms of reference of the Standards Committee so as to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

Since July 2018, the Standards Committee has been concentrating on a refresh of the Council's Constitution and it has become evident during this process that the work of the Committee in its role as a custodian of the council's constitution and ethical governance framework has significantly expanded.

The existing terms of reference for the Standards Committee appears as Appendix One to this report.

The Monitoring Officer has prepared a draft revised terms of reference for the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee which appears at Appendix Two of this report.

**3. Legal Considerations**

The Council is required to prepare and publish a Constitution which details its governance framework and decision making principles.

**4. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors have also been considered: financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**5. Officer's Recommendation**

The Standards Committee is invited to consider the following:

- To approve the terms of reference for the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee for inclusion in the revised constitution.
- The Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee will replace the Standards Committee from the commencement of the municipal year 2019/2020.

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