

From: Mr Eric Hotson, Cabinet Member for Corporate and Democratic Services
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To: County Council – 18 October 2018

Subject: Governance and Audit Committee – Terms of Reference

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: To consider approving amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Governance and Audit Committee to incorporate the work of the Trading Activities Sub-Committee.

Recommendation: The Council is requested to approve the amendment of the Terms of Reference for the Governance and Audit Committee to include the responsibilities of the Trading Activities Sub-Committee and that the disbanding of the Trading Activities Sub-Committee be noted.

1. Introduction

1.1 At the 25 July 2018 meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee Members considered the annual report on the Committee's Terms of Reference.

2. Trading Activities Sub Committee

2.1 Given the growing portfolio of trading companies and the clear views expressed previously by Members of that Committee it was agreed that it was timely to move the responsibilities of the Trading Activities Sub-Committee to the main committee. This would provide the opportunity for all Members of the Governance and Audit Committee to be involved in the oversight of this important area.

3. Amendments to the Terms of Reference

3.1 In order to place the oversight for company governance into the Terms of Reference for the Governance and Audit Committee, the Committee agreed that the Trading Activities Sub-Committee should be disbanded and consequential changes be made to the Committee's Terms of Reference. These changes are reflected in the tracked changed version of the Terms of Reference that is appended to this report

4. Recommendation

Recommendation The Council is requested to approve the amendment of the Terms of Reference for the Governance and Audit Committee to include the responsibilities of the Trading Activities Sub-Committee, as set out in Appendix A, and that the disbanding of the Trading Activities Sub-Committee be noted.

5. Background Documents

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