

LICENSING AND GENERAL  
PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE  
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**LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE –  
REVISED POWERS AND DUTIES**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The amalgamation of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee and the Standards and Audit Committee has now been agreed by the Council to take effect from the start of the 2016/17 Municipal Year. The amalgamation follows recommendations made by this Committee, in response to the views of the Council's external auditors, Ernst and Young, that the oversight and consideration of governance issues, associated with internal control, risk management and financial reporting was best assigned to one committee, in line with best practice.
- 1.2 The full Council agreed that the necessary changes be made to the Constitution, and these are being made to a number of documents in the Council's Constitution to reflect the removal of the Standards and Audit Committee. A copy of the revised new powers and duties of the Licensing and General Purposes Committee, incorporating the responsibilities transferred from the Standards and Audit Committee, is attached at **Appendix A** for information and noting (transferred responsibilities are underlined).
- 1.3 The Committee's powers now include responsibility for monitoring the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with any complaints against councillors in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. A Standards Hearing may be required following an initial assessment of a complaint that a Member of the Council has failed to comply with the Code. The procedures for a Standards Hearing are being updated to reflect that the membership of any hearing will be drawn from the Licensing and General Purposes Committee.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to note the updated terms of reference for the Committee attached at Appendix A.

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