

GOVERNANCE AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

1 General

A Committee of the Council established to monitor and review the operation of the Council's Constitution and political management arrangements, deal with election and electoral matters and the review of parishes, deal with urgent matters requiring a decision of the Council and any matter which is not within the responsibility of the Cabinet and which falls outside the terms of reference of any other Committee or officer delegation.

2 Membership, Chairmanship and Quorum

Number of Members	Eleven
Substitute Members Permitted	No
Political Balance Rules apply	Yes
Appointments/Removals from Office	By resolution of full Council
Restrictions on Membership	None
Restrictions on Chairmanship/Vice-Chairmanship	None
Quorum	Four
Number of ordinary meetings per Council Year	Meetings will be called as required
Standing Sub-Committees	None

3. Matters Delegated for Decision

- 3.1. To monitor and keep under review the operation of the Council's constitution and political management arrangements
- 3.2 To deal with election and electoral matters
- 3.3. To exercise functions in relation to parishes, parish meetings and parish councils including changing the name of a parish
- 3.4 To take any necessary action to enable recommendations to be made in respect of the matters listed below which are reserved to the Council
- 3.5 To make, amend or revoke byelaws
- 3.6 To deal where legally permissible, with any matter including the authorisation of legal proceedings which requires a decision of the Council and which cannot reasonably be dealt with in the normal cycle of meetings (see also Note below)
- 3.7 To deal with any matter which, by virtue of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations from time to time in force or any other statutory provisions, cannot be the responsibility of the Cabinet and

does not fall within the terms of reference of any other committee or within the Scheme of Officer delegations.

4 Matters Reserved to Full Council

4.1 Approval of:-

- a) Proposal to change the District's warding arrangements
- b) Final recommendations from a Parish Review
- c) Proposals to change the name or boundaries of the District
- d) The promotion of, or opposition to, national, local or private bills
- e) Changes to the Constitution

NOTE:

The Chief Executive or his nominee or the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee must certify the reasons for urgency in respect of each item determined under paragraph 3.6 above. Reports to the Committee must also specify the reason for the urgency