

REPORT TO:	Audit & Governance Committee
DATE:	27 th September 2023
SUBJECT:	Constitution Working Party
PURPOSE:	To consider the appointment of Members to the Constitution Working Party
KEY DECISION:	No
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	N/A
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	None
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

This report seeks agreement from the Audit and Governance Committee to appoint three of its Members, from different political groups, to the Constitution Working Party.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Audit and Governance Committee appoints three of its Members to the Constitution Working Party in line with its Terms of Reference until May 2027 or a vacancy arises.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation supports the Audit and Governance Committee to undertake its Terms of Reference with regards to monitoring and reviewing the operation of the Council's Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles are given full effect, taking account of advice from the Monitoring Officer.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

1. BACKGROUND AND REPORT

1.1 The Constitution Working Party works with the Monitoring Officer to assist him with reviewing and monitoring the Council's Constitution.

1.2 The Working Party meets as required to review the Council's Constitution to ensure it remains fit for purpose and reports any proposed changes to the Audit & Governance Committee (with a view to an appropriate report being made by the Audit & Governance Committee to the Council on any changes proposed).

1.3 The Audit and Governance Committee's Terms of Reference set out that the Constitution Working Party shall comprise of three elected members drawn from different political groups. The members of the Working Party prior to the May 2023 District Election were Cllr Grover (Conservative Party), Cllr Jackson (Labour Party) and Cllr Makinson-Sanders (East Lindsey Independents).

1.4 Post election the Audit and Governance Committee is asked to appoint three members to the Constitution Working Party for the next 4-year term or until a vacancy arises.

2. CONCLUSION

2.1 This report and the recommendation made within will enable the Audit and Governance Committee to undertake its Terms of Reference with regards to monitoring and reviewing the operation of the Council's Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles are given full effect, taking account of advice from the Monitoring Officer.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

None

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

None

STAFFING

None

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The above implications are set out in the report.

DATA PROTECTION

None

FINANCIAL

None

RISK MANAGEMENT

None

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

None

REPUTATION

None

CONTRACTS

None

CRIME AND DISORDER

None

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

None

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

None

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

None

ACRONYMS

None

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

None

REPORT APPROVAL	
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