

CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 4
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**PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL: CENTRE FOR GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY
GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Interim Director of Law and Governance	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Constitution and Ethics Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Diagnostics Report provided by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny and included at Appendix A and authorise officers to commence work to implement the recommendations proposed in the report. 2. Note the next steps proposed in the report in respect of the review of the Council's constitution. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Constitution and Ethics Committee following receipt of the Diagnostics report commissioned by the Council and to notify members of next steps in respect of the review of the constitution.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.2 This report is for the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.7.2.1

Authority to oversee the operation of the Council's Constitution and authority to make recommendations to Full Council as to amendments and improvements to the Council's Constitution (including the codes and protocols) subject to the receipt and consideration of a report prepared by the Monitoring Officer, with the exception of those matters under the remit of the Executive.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Peterborough City Council have undertaken a Governance Review with external support from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS). Previous reports included as background papers to the report provide details of the proposals for the review.

4.3 Next Steps

In the event that the Constitution and Ethics Committee agrees with the recommendations proposed in the report, the next steps will be to implement the recommendations of the CFGS report.

At the next meeting of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, officers will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations and bring forward a plan in respect of the review of the constitution.

5. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5.1 This report and its recommendations link to the Council's Corporate Priorities in so far that a review of the governance procedures will ensure that the Sustainable Future City Council targets are met by improving how we work, how we serve the community and how we enable ourselves to make informed decisions.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 The Diagnostics report has been shared with CLT members and group leaders of each political party.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

7.1 The outcome of this report if the recommendations are agreed is that the Council will be able to implement the recommendations put forward in CFGS report and improve governance processes within the Council

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

8.1 The reason for the recommendation is that the Diagnostics Report has been received and the report is seeking approval to implement the recommendations.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 An alternative option would be to not progress with the implementation of the recommendations in the report. This is not a recommended option as previous external reports for the Council have advised that a review of the governance processes within the Council needs to be undertaken.

10. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

10.1 Following the completion of the work, there may be some additional costs involved to support the implementation of the recommendations included in the diagnostic report. Any costs resulting from this work will need to be managed within existing resources.

Legal Implications

- 10.2 There are no legal implications in respect of what is proposed which is a request for implementation of recommendations. Legal advice will be considered at each stage of review of each of the various recommendations.

Equalities Implications

- 10.3 There are no equalities implications in respect of the recommendation however as each recommendation is taken forward consideration will be given in respect of the equalities implications of each stage.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 11.1 [Peterborough City Council August 2022](#)

[Governance Review Terms of Reference - 6 October 2022](#)

[Appendix A Terms of Reference](#)

[Appendix B Design and Implementation Group](#)

[Centre For Governance And Scrutiny Governance Review Update - 17 July 2023](#)

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 Appendix A – Report from CFGS

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