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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2020/21

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Director of Law and Governance</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Appoints the following Committees for the 2021/2022 municipal year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Ordinary Committees subject to political balance seat allocations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee Communities Scrutiny Committee Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee Children and Education Scrutiny Committee Employment Committee Licensing Committee (Regulatory) Planning and Environmental Protection Committee Appeals and Planning Review Committee Audit Committee Corporate Parenting Committee Constitution and Ethics Committee <u>Other bodies to which Section 15 LGHA does not apply</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellbeing Board Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003) Agree the committee terms of reference set out in the Regulatory Committee Functions and the Overview and Scrutiny Functions (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). 	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Constitution provides under Part 4 Section 1.2.1 that the Annual Council meetings considered the establishment and terms of reference of committees.
- 1.2 Full Council must consider the committee structure before seats can be allocated to committees in accordance with the political balance rules.

2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The proposed structure is as follows:

Committee
<p><u>Ordinary Committees subject to political balance seat allocations:</u> Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee Communities Scrutiny Committee Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee Children and Education Scrutiny Committee Employment Committee Licensing Committee (Regulatory) Planning and Environmental Protection Committee Appeals and Planning Review Committee Audit Committee Corporate Parenting Committee Constitution and Ethics Committee</p> <p><u>Other bodies to which Section 15 LGHA does not apply</u> Health and Wellbeing Board Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003)</p>

- 2.2 The current structure is in accordance with Part 4, Section 1 of the Constitution that states the Council must appoint at least one overview and scrutiny committee and other committees as it considers appropriate to deal with the matters that are neither reserved to Full Council nor are executive (Leader and Cabinet) functions.
- 2.3 Several minor alterations have been proposed to the Regulatory Committee Functions, set out in red in **Appendix 1**, following consultation with the Council officers.
- 2.4 Changes have been proposed to the Overview and Scrutiny Functions, set out in red in **Appendix 2**. These relate to, firstly, the procedure around co-opted members and ensuring that this section of the constitution is in line with other existing sections.
- 2.5 Also proposed is the alteration to the Terms of Reference of several scrutiny committees, specifically:
- moving responsibility for ‘Adult Social Care’ and ‘Safeguarding Adults’ from the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee to the Health Scrutiny Committee,
 - moving responsibility for ‘Adult Learning and Skills’ from the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee, as an education issue, and
 - moving responsibility for ‘Tourism, Culture & Recreation’ from the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.6 Subsequently, the committee titles would change to ‘Communities Scrutiny Committee’ and ‘Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee’. This change would better reflect the division of responsibility between the Council’s directorates.

3. IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial, legal, or equalities implications arising from these decisions.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

4.1 Peterborough City Council's Constitution

5. APPENDICES

5.1 **Appendix 1** – Peterborough City Council Constitution Part 3, Section 2 – Delegations – Regulatory Committee Functions

5.2 **Appendix 2** – Peterborough City Constitution Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions

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