

Allerdale Borough Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 28 August 2020

Consideration of Overview and Scrutiny section of the Constitution

The Reason for the Decision	The Constitution of the Council is in the process of being reviewed. This agenda item is to agree any suggestions from the Committee to submit to the Constitution Review Group for consideration.
Summary of options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To continue with the current written procedures and protocol, and allow the Constitution Review Group to make any amendments.2. To agree any suggestions for improvements from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to submit to the Constitution Review Group for consideration.
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees any suggestions from the Committee to submit to the Constitution Review Group for consideration.
Financial / Resource Implications	There are no direct implications.
Legal / Governance Implications	The Constitution is approved by Council. Amendments are agreed at the annual general meeting.
Community Safety Implications	There are no direct implications.
Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications	There are no direct implications.
Equality Duty considered / Impact Assessment completed	Not required for this report.
Wards Affected	All
The contribution this decision would make to the Council's priorities	The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee contributes to all Council Strategy priorities.
Is this a Key Decision	No
Portfolio Holder	Not applicable

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Report Implications (Please delete where applicable).

Community Safety	N	Employment (external to the Council)	N
Financial	N	Employment (internal)	N
Legal	N	Partnership	N
Social Inclusion	N	Asset Management	N
Equality Duty	N	Health and Safety	N

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is guided by Section 6 of the Constitution – Appendix 1.

1.2 A protocol was appended to Section 6 and covers the call-in process.

1.3 At its Annual General Meeting held 17 May 2017, the Council agreed that

- a single 12 member committee, known as the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be established with immediate effect which meets on a six week cycle (or as determined by the Chair(s) of the committee) supported by ad hoc non-constituted Task and Finish Groups aligned to Council priorities and its Work Programme, which the wider Council membership will have an opportunity to participate in;
- the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be co-chaired with the responsibility of chair rotating every six months; and that
- the Constitution and revised Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be updated.

2.0 Review of Section 6 of the Constitution

2.1 The Constitution Review Group considers any changes to the Constitution for recommendation to Council.

2.2 It has been suggested by former members of the Committee that the protocol is insufficiently clear regarding the procedure for the Committee to call in a decision.

2.3 The Committee is asked to consider whether it feels changes are required and if so, agree any suggestions to submit to the Constitution Review Group for consideration, in particular:

- to provide greater clarity for the call-in procedure overall;
- to provide further detail on the Committee's process to call in a decision; and
- any additions the Committee may wish to propose.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended:

- That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agrees any suggestions from the Committee to submit to the Constitution Review Group for consideration.

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