

**Audit, Risk and Governance Committee**  
Meeting to be held on Monday, 22 April 2024

Electoral Division affected:  
N/A;

**Updated Terms of Reference**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Brief Summary**

At its meeting on 14 March 2024, the Full Council approved a new Constitution for Lancashire County Council, including updated terms of reference for the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.

**Recommendation**

The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee is asked to consider the committee's updated terms of reference, as set out at Appendix 'A'.

**Detail**

In May 2023, the Political Governance Working Group agreed to undertake a full review of the council's Constitution to ensure it is accurate, up to date, and properly reflects the council's operational arrangements.

The Political Governance Working Group subsequently met throughout 2023 and early 2024 to make recommendations and oversee the development of the new Constitution. Its review was guided by the following key principles: accessibility, accountability, accuracy, clarity, efficiency and transparency.

The new Constitution was considered and approved by Full Council at its meeting on 14 March 2024 and subsequently came into effect on 1 April 2024.

In approving the new Constitution, Full Council made the following changes to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee's terms of reference:

- The headings used in each council committee's terms of reference have been standardised, so they now follow a slightly revised format; and



- The addition of at least one independent member to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee's membership, which aims to bring the committee's membership in line with guidance issued by the government and the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

The process for appointing a new independent member to the committee is yet to be decided. The committee will be kept informed and asked to agree how the arrangement best works in Lancashire at a future meeting date, to be agreed.

The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee is asked to consider and note the committee's updated terms of reference.

## Appendices

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Audit, Risk and Governance Committee Terms of Reference

## Consultations

N/A

## Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### Legal

N/A

### Finance

N/A

### Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

## Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

