

Comments from Standards Committee

12 November 2024

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE SIZES

- There shall be 3 Overview & Scrutiny Committees and a separate Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. ✓ **Part 5 para 1.2**
- The remits of the existing Scrutiny Committees (with the exception of Health matters) are to be re-distributed to ensure workloads and responsibilities are evenly and appropriately allocated. ✓ **need table or live link**
- The existing Appeals Committees A & B are to be combined into one single Appeals Committee. The Home to School Transport Appeals will be dealt with by this Committee. ✓ **Part 3 new Appeal Committee 14.11.24 composite v8/9**
- The membership of the new Committees will be as follows:
 - The three O&S Scrutiny Committees and the Health O&S Committee to be 9 Councillors. ✓ **14.11.24 composite v8/9**
 - The Planning Committee to be 11 Councillors ✓ **14.11.24 composite v8/9**
 - The new Appeals Committee to be 5 Councillors ✓ **14.11.24 composite v8/9**
 - Licensing Committee to remain at 15 Councillors ✓ **14.11.24 composite v8/9**
 - Appointments & Disciplinary Committee to remain at 7 Councillors ✓ **14.11.24 composite v8/9**
 - All other Committees (Audit, Standards and General Purposes) to remain at 9 Councillors ✓ **14.11.24 composite v8/9**

The new Committee structure, remits and relevant memberships will commence in the new Municipal Year.

PART 5 – OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

- **Page 68, Paragraph 2.2 (Page 14 Clean Copy)**
Reference to the mayor not being able to be appointed to the O&S Scrutiny Committees needs to be referenced. This is already stated in the table on page 57. ✓

PART 6 – COUNCILLORS (Scheme of Councillors' Allowances)

- **Page 184, Paragraph 2.2 (Page 46 Clean Copy)**
Deputy Leader of Largest opposition group allowance currently stipulates:
(But if opposition group has less than 17 members, namely one third of the Council, then this SRA is not payable.)
This should be:

(but if opposition group has less than 13 members, then this SRA is not payable). ✓ master copy v12

Part 6 Councillors (Protocol for Councillor / Officer Relations)

There were a couple of typographical errors mentioned:

- The last box of the table under paragraph 4.11 says “Director of Children’s Servicers”. This should be “Services” ✓ Part 6 master copy v 12

Part 6 Councillors (Scheme of Councillors’ Allowances)

- In the last line of paragraph 5.3.2 the word “past” should be “pass”. ✓ Part 6 master copy v12

PART 7 – OFFICERS

- It was noted that this was an initial draft of Sections 1-3 of Part 7. An updated version, together with section 4-8 would be circulated as a supplementary pack for the meeting of the Committee taking place on 18 November. ✓ Revised Part 7 sections 1-3 incorporating officer comments received 15.11.2024. Part 7 master copy v19 and composite draft v10/11
- The Committee felt that the full list of delegations should be “trimmed down” with bullet points under a main heading/service area and any minor/lower-level delegations being retained within the relevant departments but sit outside of the Constitution document. ✓ as above per officer revised SoDO received from SZ 15.11.2024
- The list of legislation set out in Table B would need to be updated with appropriate changes. These could be summarised with a definitive list sitting outside of the Constitution. ✓ As above - table of legislation removed. Link inserted.