

AMENDMENT TO RESOURCES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Purpose

To approve the amended Resources Committee Terms of Reference.

2. Context

2.1 Approval was given at the May Authority meeting to establish the Resources Committee (Minute Reference 54/25). At the meeting, a question was raised regarding whether scrutiny of audit and the budget could be considered at the same Committee.

3. Proposals

3.1 Since the May Authority meeting, we commissioned our internal auditors, Veritau, to examine the relevant guidance and provide advice on how this relates to the Authority's Committee structures. The internal auditors have provided a note of the relevant sections of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) 2022 Position Statement and related guidance.

3.2 As a result of the internal auditors note, to ensure the Authority is inline with the CIPFA guidance, it is proposed that audit reverts to being reserved to Full Authority. This overcomes any potential conflict of roles within the Resources Committee.

3.3 There is already, at point (r), reference to audit in the Fully Authority Terms of Reference, therefore no amendments to these are proposed. In terms of the Resources Committee Terms of Reference, the whole of the original section 3 Audit has been removed from the updated version that are contained in appendix 1 to this report. Members are being asked to approve these updated Terms of Reference. This will enable the Authority to be compliant with the CIPFA guidance, and Members can be appointed to the Resources Committee at the July AGM meeting.

4. Recommendations

1. That the Resources Committee Terms of Reference in Appendix 1 are approved.

5. Corporate Implications

a. Legal

Pursuant to section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Authority has power to appoint committees in order to discharge any of its functions, and any such committee has power to appoint a sub-committee.

b. Financial

The proposals in this report have no impact on budgets, as there is budget allocated for Committees, and this report is amending Terms of Reference for an existing Committee.

c. National Park Management Plan and Authority Plan

Ensuring that Members have the information required to make sound decisions contributes directly to our Authority Plan Objective F: Governance, to have best practice arrangements in place.

d. Risk Management

Removing audit from the Resources Committee Terms of reference removes the risk of conflicting with CIPFA guidance.

e. Net Zero

The proposal doesn't contribute to delivering net zero for the National Park or Authority.

6. Background papers (not previously published)

None.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Resources Terms of Reference

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