

Agenda Item	16(b)
Report No	HC/58/13

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STRATEGIC COMMITTEES

Report by the Depute Chief Executive

Summary

This report proposes the re-naming of Strategic Committees and changes to the scope of delegation in each case in order to achieve better alignment with the agreed changes to the Council's Service Structure.

1. Background

1.1 Members will be aware that, at the last meeting on 24 October 2013, it was agreed to amend the Council's Service Structure to align teams into 5 Services as follows – Children, Education and Adult Services, Finance, Corporate Development, Capital and Development and Community Services.

2. Strategic Committees – Delegation

2.1 As a result of the changes to the Service Structure, the opportunity is also being taken to review the scope of delegation to the Strategic Committees of the Council with a view to achieving better alignment with Service teams.

2.2 This work is currently on-going but initial proposals are for the re-naming of Strategic Committees as follows –

Resources Committee
Education, Children and Adult Services
Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee
Community Services Committee

2.3 In this regard, recommendations in relation to changes to the scope of delegation in each case are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

2.4 If Members are in agreement with the above, it is proposed that further work should be undertaken by Officers to highlight the detail within each delegation with a further report to the full Council in March 2014.

Thereafter, implementation of the new proposals would take effect from 1 April 2014.

3. Implications Arising from the Report

3.1 There are no resource, legal, climate change/carbon clever, equalities or risk implications arising from these proposals.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Council is asked to approve the amendments in relation to Strategic Committees as detailed on the basis that a further report will be submitted for consideration in March 2014 and full implementation undertaken with effect from 1 April 2014.

Designation: Depute Chief Executive

Date: 5 December 2013

Resources Committee: Scope

The Resources Committee will consider all matters relating to:-

- i. The management and arrangement of the financial affairs of the Council.
- ii. The management of arrangements for corporate development including business change to support corporate improvement and efficiency.
- iii. The management of arrangements for ICT Services and partnerships supporting the delivery of effective service delivery.
- iv. The management of arrangements for Customer Services including the Service Point Network, Service Centre and digital service delivery through the Council website and other channels.
- v. The management of arrangements for the employment, support and development of employees.
- vi. The management of Legal and Democratic Services to support effective corporate governance.
- vii. Consideration of corporate policies not listed within the remit of the Council or other Committees.
- viii. Other general business relating to the effective operation of the Council and not covered by other committees.

Education, Children and Adult Services Committee - Scope

- Scrutinise and monitor the management and delivery of services, including statutory functions for Social Care, Child Health, Education, Culture, Sport and Community Learning.
- Develop policy and strategy in relation to Care and Learning Services.
- Oversee the safeguarding of the wellbeing of adults and children, and secure continuous improvement through the development, review and scrutiny of strategic and operational plans and associated policies for the delivery of Social Care, Child Health and Education, Culture & Sport Services.
- Consider the Capital Programme and the Revenue Budget for the services included in the Committee's remit, and to monitor and oversee these budgets, including dealing with over expenditure.
- Respond to representations and consultations etc. from the UK and Scottish Governments, and make representations to Ministers and other bodies regarding services included in the Committee's remit.
- Make recommendations to the Council on the outcomes of statutory consultation on school provision.
- Undertake consultation with relevant agencies and organisations, including the voluntary sector, to achieve a co-ordinated approach to the provision of services within the Committee's remit.
- Ensure preparation of the strategic plan relating to Highland's provision of Criminal Justice Services.
- Oversee the scrutiny of adult social care services delegated to NHS Highland, including the consideration of recommendations for the Adult Services Development and Scrutiny Sub Committee
- Appoint the following Sub Committees: Adult Services Development & Scrutiny Sub Committee, Culture and Leisure Contracts Sub Committee, Criminal Justice Sub Committee, Appeals Committee and Appointments Committee.

Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee - Scope

To deal with the functions of the Council in relation to:

The management of arrangements in relation to:-

- development planning
- development management
- building standards
- economic development
- Europe
- environment

The management of arrangements in relation to:-

- transport planning
- development control for roads
- capital road improvements

The management of arrangements in relation to:-

- flood risk management
- coast protection.

The management of arrangements in relation to:-

- capital construction projects
- design
- energy/engineering
- asset management
- housing development
- industrial investment

Community Services: Scope

The Community Services Committee will consider all matters relating to:-

- I. The management and maintenance of the Council's road network and car parks.
- II. The management of arrangements for environmental services including waste collection, recycling, disposal of residual waste and street cleansing.
- III. The management of arrangement for Environmental Health including food safety, animal health and contaminated land.
- IV. The management of arrangements for Community Works including grounds maintenance, burials and public toilets.
- V. The management of arrangements for the Council's harbours and slipways.
- VI. The management of arrangements for Council operated ferries.
- VII. The management of arrangements for housing, including housing allocations, estate and tenancy management and repairs.
- VIII. The management of arrangements for private sector housing grants.
- IX. The management of arrangements for homelessness.
- X. The management of arrangements for dealing with unauthorised gypsy / traveller encampments.