

Grants Committee AGM

Constitutional Matters

Item No: 11

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Summary: This report summarises the key changes to constitutional documents agreed by Leaders' Committee AGM on 7 June 2016. Changes have been agreed to the following documents:

- Minor variations to London Councils Governing Agreement
- Amendments to London Councils Standing Orders
- Approval of and amendments to London Councils Scheme of Delegation to Officers
- Terms of Reference for Sub-Committees

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to:

- Note the changes to London Councils' constitutional documents.

Constitutional changes

1. London Councils Leaders' Committee agreed changes to four constitutional reports at its AGM on 7 June 2016. Three of the four reports contain changes which apply to the Grants Committee and are therefore reported to the Committee for information.
2. The changes made are summarised below:
 - Minor variations to London Councils governing agreement to address inconsistencies/irregularities and the use of the term London Councils;
 - Amendments to Standing Orders, principally relating to Declarations of Interest and new Urgency arrangements;
 - Approval of, and amendment to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers to:
 - i. Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the relevant sub-committee, to amend the programme of sub-committee meetings as required throughout the year;
 - ii. Change the proper officer in section 36 of the Scheme of Delegations from the PATAS Tribunal Manager to Head of Support Services.
 - iii. Make express reference to the delegations to the Chief Executive and the Directors of any corporate service (and their nominated deputies)
 - iv. The deletion of Section 4 – *Grant Making Powers Delegated to the Director*. This has been deleted because this delegation had become out of date and any actions which need to be taken urgently, can be done by way of the Urgency Procedure;
 - The Terms of Reference for Sub-Committees report has not been reported to this Committee, as it does not apply. The Terms of Reference for the Grants Committee are set out in full in the previous agenda item, as are the proposed Terms of reference for the Grants Executive.

Recommendation:

3. Note the changes to London Councils constitutional documents

Legal Implications for London Councils

4. It is necessary that changes to London Councils governance documents are properly made in a manner which is consistent with the joint committees' Governing Agreements. Consequently Leaders' Committee has approved the changes noted in this report.

Equalities Implications for London Councils

5. There are no specific equalities implications for London Councils.

Financial Implications for London Councils

6. There are no specific financial implications to London Councils

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Leaders Committee AGM Report item 15A – Constitutional Matters – Minor Variations to London Councils Governing Agreement

Appendix 2 - Leaders Committee AGM Report item 15B – Constitutional Matters – Amendments to London Councils Standing Orders

Appendix 3 - Leaders Committee AGM Report item 15C – Constitutional Matters – Approval of, and Amendment to London Councils Scheme of Delegation to Officers

Background documents: London Councils Standing Orders