

## AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Number of members	9 Councillors
Number of Co-opted, non-voting members	1 Independent non-voting Member for the purpose of Audit and Governance.  1 Parish Representative, who may not also be a Borough Councillor, for the purpose of Standards.
Politically Balanced Y/N	Y
Quorum	4 (to include at least one member of the Majority Group)
Procedure Rules applicable	Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22)
Chair	The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee and any of its Sub-Committees will be a Borough Councillor.
Special provisions as to the Chair	For the sake of independence, the Chair and Vice-Chair shall not be a member of the controlling political group.
Terms of Reference	<u>Audit and Governance</u> <u>Internal and External Audit</u>  a. To review and monitor the annual audit plans of both the internal and external auditors. b. To receive and comment upon the external auditors' reports. c. To monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's system of internal control by

	<p>ensuring that an adequate and effective system of internal financial controls is maintained, that financial procedures are regularly reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. To consider, monitor and review the Council's overall corporate governance arrangements.</li> <li>e. To enhance the profile, status and authority of the internal audit function which will demonstrate its independence.</li> <li>f. To focus audit resources by agreeing, and periodically reviewing, audit plans and monitoring delivery of the audit service.</li> <li>g. To receive and consider such internal audit reports that the Chair and/or Deputy Chief Executive considers necessary.</li> </ul> <p><u>Risk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>h. To consider, monitor and review the effectiveness of the Council's risk strategies, policies and management arrangements and seek assurances that action is being taken to address identified risk related issues.</li> </ul> <p><u>Finance and Value for Money</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To consider and approve the Council's Annual Statements of Accounts.</li> <li>j. To consider any report from the Internal Audit Manager in pursuance of Financial Regulations.</li> <li>k. To ensure good stewardship of the Council's resources and assist the Council to achieve value for money in the provision of its services.</li> <li>l. To keep under review, and make recommendations on, proposed amendments to Financial Regulations.</li> <li>m. To consider and make recommendations if appropriate on, the Annual Governance Statement.</li> </ul> <p><u>Standards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors and any co-opted members of Council bodies.</li> <li>o. To assist the Councillors and co-opted</li> </ul>
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	<p>members to observe the Members' Code of Conduct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>p. To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct.</li> <li>q. To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct.</li> <li>r. To advise, train or arrange to train Councillors and co-opted members on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct.</li> <li>s. To grant dispensations to Councillors and co-opted members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.</li> <li>t. To deal with any report from the Monitoring Officer following an investigation into a complaint concerning the Members' Code of Conduct.</li> <li>u. To consider and determine allegations that a Councillor or co-opted Councillor may have failed to follow the Code of Conduct and where a breach of the Code is established making recommendations as to any sanctions to the appropriate person or body.</li> <li>v. The exercise of t – u above in relation to the Parish Councils in the Council's area and the members of those parish Councils.</li> <li>w. To monitor and review the operation of the Member Officer Relations Protocol.</li> </ul>
<p>Special provisions as to membership</p>	<p>The Committee to comprise elected Members representing all interests of the Authority, preferably with relevant areas of expertise, where possible (such areas as accountancy, audit, business and commerce.)</p> <p>Can be members of the Executive Committee, but Party Group Leaders may not be, or act as substitutes for, members of the Committee.</p>

## CRIME & DISORDER SCRUTINY PANEL

Number of Members	5
Politically Balanced Y/N	N
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22)
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. to hold the Redditch Community Safety Partnership to account for its decision making;</li> <li>b. to scrutinise the performance of the Redditch Community Safety Partnership;</li> <li>c. to undertake policy reviews of specific crime and disorder issues;</li> <li>d. to highlight and challenge people's perceptions of crime and disorder in the local area;</li> <li>e. to undertake community engagement and consultation to establish local people's priorities for crime and disorder issues; and</li> <li>f. to promote the positive work of the Redditch Community Safety Partnership.</li> </ul>
Provisions relating to appointment of Chair	<p>The Chair of the Panel will be a member of a political group not forming part of the ruling administration. The Chair will also be a member of the parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Cannot be members of the Executive</p>

	Committee.
Special provisions as to membership	Training is highly recommended for members who sit on the Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Panel.

## EMPLOYMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE

Number of members	5
Politically Balanced Y/N	N
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22). Quasi-Judicial Meeting Rules apply.
Terms of Reference	To consider appeals against dismissal, grading and grievances by employees of the Council.
Special provisions as to the Chair	None
Special provisions as to membership	Only those Councillors who have undertaken appropriate training * may sit on the Appeals Panel.  * <i>Quasi-Judicial meetings training.</i>

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Number of Members	9, including the Leader and the Deputy Leader
Politically Balanced Y/N	N
Quorum	4
Procedure Rules applicable	Executive Committee Procedure Rules
Terms of Reference	To carry out all the Council's functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Council, whether by law or under this Constitution.
Special rules as to the Chair	The Leader to preside; in his/her absence the Deputy Leader to preside
Whipping arrangements	N/A
Special Provisions as to membership	Cannot be members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Named substitutes not permitted.

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

Number of Members	11
Politically Balanced Y/N	Y
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 19.1, 19.2 and 21)
Terms of Reference	Functions relating to the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises and Personal Licences), the Gambling Act 2005, and miscellaneous other licensing and enforcement matters.
Special provisions as to the Chair	None
Whipping arrangements	N/A
Special provisions as to membership	None



## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A

### LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - Personal/Premises/Gambling Act Parent Committee – Licensing Committee

Number of Members	3 members of the Licensing Committee  <i>Membership to be agreed by Officers, in consultation with the Chair, as required per application and to include a 4th reserve member.</i>
Politically Balanced Y/N	N
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22). Quasi-judicial meetings rules apply.
Terms of Reference	To determine applications referred to it arising from the Licensing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2005 and the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.
Special provisions as to the Chair	None – the Chair to be elected for each meeting of the Sub-Committee.
Special provisions as to membership	Only those Councillors who have undertaken *appropriate training may sit on the Licensing Sub-Committee.  <i>*Quasi-Judicial meetings training / Licensing and Gambling Act requirements training.</i>

## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B

### Taxis/sex establishments/other

#### Parent Committee – Licensing Committee

Number of Members	3 members of the Licensing Committee  <i>Membership to be agreed by Officers, in consultation with the Chair, as required per application and to include a 4th reserve member.</i>
Politically Balanced Y/N	N
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22). Quasi-judicial meetings rules apply.
Terms of Reference	To determine all matters referred to it including (but not limited to):- (1) private hire and hackney carriage driver, operator and vehicle licensing; (2) street trading consents; (3) sex shop applications; (4) pet shop licences; (5) animal boarding licences; (6) riding establishment licences.
Special provisions as to the Chair	Chair or Vice-Chair of the Licensing (Parent) Committee.
Special provisions as to membership	Only those Councillors who have undertaken *appropriate training may sit on the Licensing Sub-Committee.  <i>*Quasi-Judicial meetings training..</i>

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Number of Members	9 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, or of any of its Task and Finish Groups, shall not be members of the Executive Committee.
Politically Balanced Y/N	Currently N (by annual <u>Council resolution to vary</u> )
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22).
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. agree the scrutiny programme and the terms of reference for each scrutiny;</li> <li>b. establish time limited Task and Finish Groups to investigate issues in depth; or itself undertake selected reviews;</li> <li>c. agree reports prepared by the Task and Finish Groups;</li> <li>d. act as an interface with the Executive Committee;</li> <li>e. receive, comment and advise on the Council's policy framework such as the Corporate Plan and on other major policies;</li> <li>f. have responsibility for budget scrutiny and performance management scrutiny issues (with Task and Finish Groups established as necessary to take up any detailed work over the year);</li> <li>g. review and /or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions whether or not the responsibility of the Executive Committee;</li> <li>h. exercise the right to call in, for reconsideration of decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive Committee;</li> <li>i. decide how to deal with call ins (with Task and Finish Groups established as necessary to take</li> </ul>

	<p>up any detailed work);</p> <p>j. Undertake the role of a Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee under the Police and Justice Act 2006 through the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel, a Sub Committee of the main Committee;</p> <p>k. Establish arrangements for any review of the performance of relevant external organisations which impact on the Council's functions and services and submit reports after comment, as appropriate, by the Executive and external organisations, to the Council;</p> <p>l. Monitor the quality of scrutinies;</p> <p>m. Monitor the implementation of any scrutiny recommendations accepted by the Executive Committee; and</p> <p>n. Oversee the development of Member skills and competencies in scrutiny.</p>
Special provisions as to the Chair	The Chair and Vice-Chair will be a Member of a political group not forming part of the ruling administration.
Whipping arrangements	When considering any matter in respect of which a member of the Overview Committee is subject to a party whip, the Councillor must declare the existence of the whip, and the nature of it before the commencement of the Overview Committee's deliberations on the matter. The declaration, and the detail of the whipping arrangements, shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
Special provisions as to membership	All Councillors except members of the Executive Committee may be Overview and Scrutiny members. However, no Member may be involved in scrutinising a decision in which he / she has been directly involved.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Number of Members	9
Politically Balanced Y/N	Y
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Planning Procedure Rules and Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22).
Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To exercise all powers and duties of the Council on all matters relating to development control, including but not limited to:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. considering and determining applications for planning permission</li> <li>b. enforcement of planning control</li> <li>c. building preservation, Listed Buildings and Conservation areas</li> <li>d. Tree preservation orders</li> <li>e. Control of advertisements</li> <li>f. Footpath diversion orders under the Town and Country Planning legislation</li> <li>g. Certificates of Lawfulness</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. To comment on proposals for development submitted by Worcestershire County Council and other public authorities</li> <li>3. To determine High Hedges applications in accordance with Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003</li> </ol>
Special provisions as to the Chair	The Chair and the Vice-Chair, if members of the controlling Party Group, shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

Special provisions as to membership	Only those Councillors who have undertaken appropriate training as agreed by the Member Support Steering Group may sit on the Planning Committee.
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**STANDARDS HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEES**  
**(Parent Committee – Audit, Governance and Standards Committee)**

Number of Members	3  The Audit, Governance and Standards Committee may from time to time determine procedures for membership of its sub-committees.
Politically Balanced Y/N	N
Quorum	3
Procedure Rules applicable	Council Procedure Rules (with the exception of Council Procedure Rules 1-4, 10, 14, 18.2, 20.1 and 22)
Terms of Reference	To carry out assessment of allegations that a Borough Councillor or co-opted Parish Councillor with voting rights may have failed to follow the Code of Conduct.
Chair	A member of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee. When assessing a complaint, the Chair will not be from the same political group as the Councillor who is the subject of the complaint.
Whipping arrangements	N/A
Substitutes	The Audit, Governance and Standards Committee may from time to time determine procedures for substitution at meetings of the Standards Hearings Sub-Committees.
Special provisions as to membership	Only those Councillors who have undertaken *appropriate training may sit on the Standards Hearings Sub-Committees.  * <i>Specific Standards Hearing-related training.</i>

## STATUTORY OFFICERS DISCIPLINARY ACTION PANEL

Number of Members	8 made up of 5 Borough Council Members, 2 Independent Persons with voting rights and the Leader of Bromsgrove District Council as co-optee
Politically Balanced Y/N	Y
Quorum	7
Procedure Rules applicable	Officer Employment Procedure Rules (incorporating the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015) and applicable Council Procedure Rules
Terms of Reference	In relation to disciplinary action affecting the statutory posts of head of the authority's paid service, monitoring officer and chief finance officer, to consider the issues, including the conclusions of any investigation, and make recommendations to Full Council as to dismissal or alternative action.
Special provisions as to the Chairman	None
Officer attendance	When meeting to determine an issue relating to disciplinary action the committee will be supported by independent external legal advisors.
Special provisions as to membership	The shared service arrangements between Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils require the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, Section 151 officer and other Chief Officers to carry out work for both authorities. In the light of this the Leader of Bromsgrove District Council will be co-opted onto the Committee as a non-voting member.



	<p>Only those Councillors who have undertaken appropriate training may sit on the Statutory Officers Disciplinary Action Panel.</p>
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