

**COUNCIL, 21 MARCH 2018**

**REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**REVIEW OF PLANNING DECISION MAKING PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES**

Governance Committee, at its meeting on 7 March 2018 considered a report reviewing the make-up and operation of the Regulatory Services Committee. The report (attached) proposes a number of changes to the Council's Constitution in order to facilitate the setting up of a Strategic Planning Committee to deal with strategic applications and any other matters and a Planning Committee to deal with other planning matters.

The report was agreed by Governance Committee on 7 March 2018 and Governance Committee accordingly recommends to full Council that:

- 1. the setting up a new Strategic Planning Committee to deal with strategic applications and any other strategic planning matters and a Planning Committee to deal with other planning applications and planning matters be agreed.**
- 2. the main changes to the Constitution set out in Appendix A and the consequential minor amendments to the Constitution set out in Appendix B be agreed.**
- 3. the following documents be included in the Constitution:**
  - **the Functions Delegated to Staff, in Appendix C;**
  - **the Functions Not the Responsibility of the Executive, in Appendix D;**
  - **the Planning Committee Procedure Rules, in Appendix F; and**
  - **the Planning Code of Good Practice, in Appendix G.**
- 4. these changes be implemented after the May 2018 local elections.**