
MEETING	AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
DATE	28 JULY 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS B WATSON (CHAIR), BROOKS (VICE-CHAIR), FIRTH, HYMAN, GUNNELL AND CRISP (SUBSTITUTE)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS SCOTT AND VASSIE
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR MOORE (EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES) MIKE NEWBURY (AUDIT COMMISSION) LYNN HUNT (AUDIT MANAGER, DISTRICT AUDIT) MR ALAN DIXON (INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE)

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

22. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE TO ARTICLE 5

Members considered a report which outlined proposed changes to Article 5 of the Council's Constitution, relating to the Lord Mayoralty.

The changes had been recommended by the Mansion House & Mayoralty Advisory Group at its meeting in April 2010, and subsequently endorsed by the Executive. The current wording of Article 5 was attached at Annex A to the report, and the proposed revised wording at Annex B.

The Committee was invited to endorse the revisions and recommend them to Full Council, in accordance with its role in respect of constitutional changes.

RESOLVED: That the following minor amendments be made to the revised version of Article 5 at Annex B to the report:

- In the second sentence of paragraph 1, insert '*City of York*' before '*elected Councillor*'
- In section (ii) of paragraph 1, replace '*first citizens*' with '*First Citizen's*'
- In paragraph 3, delete '*normally*' from the first sentence and insert it after '*The Deputy Lord Mayor is*' in the second sentence.

RECOMMENDED: That, subject to the above amendments, the current Article 5 in the Constitution be replaced by the revised Article 5 set out in Annex B to the report.

REASON: To comply with constitutional requirements and to clarify the constitutional roles of the Lord Mayor and Civic Party.

B Watson, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 8.15 pm].