

## **Amendments to Neighbourhood delegations**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Members have raised that the delegations to Neighbourhood Forums, Boards and Ward Committees required updating following changes to the delivery of support services.
- 1.2 Proposed amendments have been drafted which achieve the following:
  - Formal recognition of Councillors on Patrol ('COPs') as a form of public engagement within neighbourhoods;
  - Empowering Neighbourhood Boards to determine whether the principal form of public engagement in a community will be through COPs or Neighbourhood Forums;
  - Giving explicit authority to Neighbourhood Chairs to front initiatives and projects provided they are agreed by the Board.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 shows the current delegations while Appendix 3 shows how the amended delegations could look if changes are made to achieve the changes requested.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To adopt the draft changes and authorise the Monitoring Officer to amend the Scheme of Delegations within the Council Constitution accordingly.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To ensure the Scheme of Delegations reflects the current arrangements.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **Neighbourhood Boards**

- 4.1 No changes have been made to this part of the document (paragraphs 1-10 in both Appendices 2 and 3).

## Neighbourhood Forums / 'COPs'

- 4.2 Paragraphs 1 and 4 in the original section on Neighbourhood Forums (Appendix 2) have been retained as Paragraphs 11 and 12 in the new combined duty of either Neighbourhood Forums or 'COPs' (Appendix 3).
- 4.3 Paragraphs 2 and 3 in the original section on Neighbourhood Forums (Appendix 2) has been moved under the duties of Ward Committees (Paragraph 17 in Appendix 3). This is because it would not be practical for 'COPs' to make a formal resolution as this paragraph requires.

## Ward Committees

- 4.4 In addition to the sections moved from Neighbourhood Forums (see paragraph 4.3), a further paragraph has been added (Paragraph 16 in Appendix 3) to ensure an audit trail of any decision for wards to use forums over COPs or vice versa.

## Neighbourhood Chairs

- 4.5 This section (Paragraph 18 in Appendix 3) has been added to better reflect existing agreed practices.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None.

**Legal**

2.1 It has been highlighted that the existing delegations do not accurately reflect what have become accepted practice. While there is no specific risk to this, formalising the arrangements within the Scheme of Delegations is good practice.

**Personnel**

3.1 None.

**IT**

4.1 None.

**Equalities Impact**

5.1 None.

**Health and Safety**

6.1 None.

**Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None.

**Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None.

**Risk Management and Safeguarding**

9.1 None.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

10.1 Approval will ensure members are best able to engage directly with their communities.