

## Appendix C

### **Proposed change to the wording of the Terms of Reference of Civic Affairs Committee, as set out in the Constitution.**

Para 5.2 of Section 5 of Part 3 of the constitution sets out the functions of Civic Affairs Committee. It is proposed to delete the final sentence in the section under “Ethical Standards”, to enable the Annual Complaints Report to be reported to Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Ethical Standards**

To advise the Council and its committees as appropriate on the ethical framework within which councillors, co-opted members and officers should operate.

To advise the Council and its committees as appropriate on the ethical aspects of the corporate governance framework within which councillors and officers should operate.

To promote a culture of openness, ready accountability and probity, in order to ensure the highest standards of conduct of councillors, co-opted members and officers.

~~To take an overview of complaints handling within the Council and of issues relating to the Local Government Ombudsman or Independent Complaints Investigator.~~