

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Housing Tenancies Appeals Committee
Committee: City Council
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Executive Summary:

The Council's Constitution still has as one of its Committees a Housing Tenancies Appeals Committee which was set up prior to the transfer of the housing stock to Plymouth Community homes. It is understood that even prior to the transfer, the Committee has not met for some time. The existence of the Committee serves no useful purpose.

Despite its lack of utility, the Committee is taken into account in allocating seats to political groups and unnecessarily complicates the calculation of political proportionality. Further, the Council has to allocate Councillors to this Committee despite the fact that it has no purpose and never meets!

Given the above, it is recommended that the Committee be deleted from the Constitution by the Council.

This report is a precursor to other proposed constitutional changes which will be brought before Council in due course. These changes will include the statutory report on the implementation of the "strong leader model" of executive governance, practical changes to the Constitution highlighted during the sale of Citybus, changes to delegations brought about by the new management structure and other housekeeping matters.

Corporate Plan 2010-2013:

This impacts on CIP 13 – Supporting council staff to perform better.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

The main implications relate to corporate governance.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

None specifically identified

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the Housing Tenancies Appeals Committee be deleted because following stock transfer it serves no purpose and its continued existence impacts on the political proportionality rules for the distribution of seats.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

Leaving the Appeals Committee within the constitution serves no useful purpose but does adversely impact on the calculation of the allocation of seats on Committees.

Background papers:

Council constitution

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