



Report title: Constitution Update from Housing and Communities Committee

To: Audit and Governance Committee

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Recommendations: The Audit and Governance Committee is recommended to:

a) To consider amending the Constitution in relation to culture and tourism as recommend by the Housing and Communities Committee.

b) To provide comment on the amendment proposed in relation to culture and tourism as recommended by the Housing and Communities Committee,

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Audit and Governance Committee as the custodians of the Combined Authority Constitution consider and comment on a recommendation from the Housing and Communities Committee to amend Chapter 10 [Housing & Communities Committee] of the Constitution so as to delete the words "(a) Culture and Tourism" in paragraph 3.2.9 and replace "(b)" with "(a)".

2. Background

2.1 At the Housing and Communities Committee meeting held on January 11th 2021 the committee considered report that briefed the Committee on the culture and tourism functions of the Combined Authority, which were currently allocated to the Housing and Communities Committee, In presenting the report the Director of Housing and Development explained that the report recommended that the Combined Authority Board be invited to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution to remove the culture and tourism

functions from the remit of the Housing and Communities Committee terms of reference and that those functions would continue to form part of the remit of the Business Board.

Significant Implications

3. Implications are set out in the Housing and Communities Committee report, listed below at 3.1
4. **Background Papers**
 - 4.1 [Housing and Communities Committee Culture and Tourism Report – January 11th 2021](#)
 - 4.2 [Housing and Communities Committee Minutes – January 11th 2021](#)
 - 4.3 [Combined Authority Constitution](#)