Constitution and Associated Documents – Proposed Changes

Section and Reference	Existing Text	Proposed amendment including revised text if appropriate
Part 3.5 Terms of Reference of Council and Committees	3. Licensing Committee Membership – 15 Quorum – 4	3. Licensing Committee Membership – 12 Quorum – 3
5 – Regulation and Review Committee	5. Regulation and Review Committee Membership – 18 Quorum – 5	5. Regulation and Review Committee Membership – 12 Quorum – 3
	Reason for proposed change: The current size of the Licensing Committee and Regulation and Review Committee is not in line with other committees on the Council and the rationale for the present size of the Licensing Committee and Regulation and Review Committee is unclear. It would be proportionate to reduce the Committee sizes for Licensing and Regulation and Review in line with other important committees, such as Scrutiny Sub-Committees, which currently have (and are proposed to continue with) a membership of 12 and a quorum of 3. This will promote greater efficiency and effectiveness, whilst still allowing political balance requirements to be properly applied. It is further proposed that these committees should wherever possible take place in the evening, to enable as many members of the committees as possible (including those who have commitments during the day) to participate in the work and decision making of these committees.	

Implications of proposed change:

• Finance and other resource implications:

None

• Legal implications:

Licensing

Section 6(1) of the Licensing Act 2003 states that the Authority must establish a licensing committee consisting of at least ten, but no more than fifteen members of the Authority. It is therefore a matter for the Authority to determine the size of the Committee. All matters relating to the Licensing Act 2003 are Council functions, including the establishment of the Licensing Committee.

Regulation and Review

Under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 full Council can arrange for the discharge of its functions by a Committee or Sub-Committee. Full Council has determined that the Authority's functions relating to taxi/private hire licensing and the other matters included in the Terms of Reference of the Regulation and Review Committee should be discharged by the Committee on its behalf.

- Consultation/Engagement undertaken (internal and external):
- Human Rights implications:
- Equalities and Diversity implications:
 There are no equality and diversity implications'
- Risk Management implications:

Crime and Disorder implications:	
Environment and Sustainability implications:	
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