1. Terms of Reference – Governance Committee

1.1 The Governance Committee shall be an advisory body, comprising Councillors, dealing with governance and constitutional arrangements.

1.2 The Governance Committee shall, where appropriate, consider and advise the Council on matters relating to the Council's governance and Constitution, including standards of conduct, the timetable of meetings, the administrative and procedural arrangements for implementing new legislation and the terms of reference of or scheme of delegation to Council bodies.

1.3 The Governance Committee shall consider and advise the Council on elections and electoral arrangements, including boundary reviews, and polling districts, places and stations, where these are not the sole responsibility of the Returning Officer.

1.4 The Governance Committee will be consulted, and may offer feedback for consideration, on elections and electoral arrangements that are the sole responsibility of the Returning Office.

1.5 The Governance Committee shall advise Full Council on the adoption or revision of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and Councillors' Allowances Scheme.

2.0 Additional Role and Functions

2.1 The Governance Committee will have the following additional terms of reference:-

a. to liaise between the Council and the Ombudsman;

b. to advise the Council on the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman or Freedom of the City;

c. to advise the Council on the making, amendment, revocation or re-enactment of bylaws and the promotion of or opposition to local or personal Bills in Parliament.

3.0 Statutory Powers and Duties

3.1 The additional roles and functions listed above are detailed in the Schedule to which may be added such other specific powers or duties which may be permitted or required to be delegated from time to time by Regulations made under the Local Government Act 2000.