

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

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Subject: Lord Mayors Advisory Group
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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of a recommendation that the Council Business Management Committee, on behalf of the Council, abolish the Lord Mayors Advisory Group.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council Business Management Committee:
- 2.1.1 Abolish the Lord Mayors Advisory Group (LMAG) as a formal sub-committee of Council Business Management Committee;
 - 2.1.2 Authorises the City Solicitor to amend the Constitution in order to give effect to the above.

3 Background

- 3.1 The LMAG is appointed as a Sub-Committee of Council Business Management Committee.
- 3.2 The purpose of the of the Group is to:
- To act as a sounding board to the Lord Mayor at the request of the Lord Mayor on Civic and Mayoral matters;
 - To provide guidance on protocol matters as necessary;
 - To review Civic functions as necessary; and

- To advise on the appropriateness of Parlour arrangements

3.3 Under the terms of reference membership of the Group was as follows:

- The Deputy Lord Mayor;
- The three next immediate past Lord Mayors who are current Councillors; and
- The three Group Secretaries

3.4 Whilst the LMAG still assists in assessing applications for Lord Mayor's Awards each year, the LMAG has not met formally since April 2017 nor has it reported back to CBM in that time. This tends to suggest that the LMAG is no longer required in its present format.

3.5 If the Group is abolished, an informal advisory board including former Lord Mayors and Group Secretaries could be established to consider such applications; and this can be done at the discretion of the Lord Mayor or the Head of the Lord Mayor's Office.

3.6 If there are any matters that need to be brought to CBM, either civic related matters or issues that affect the Lord Mayors Office, this can be done by a report of the City Solicitor to CBM.