

- (ii) exercise the powers and duties of the Council under all relevant legislation and relating to the non-executive functions of the Committee.

## **8.2 Non-Executive Committees**

### **THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the Business Management Committee is to support the Council's non-executive functions as delegated by Full Council, and in particular:

#### **(a) Meetings of the full Council**

- (i) be responsible for the planning and preparation of the agenda, papers and other arrangements for meetings of the Council.
- (ii) submit recommendations to the Council concerning the appointment of committees and other bodies and their functions and membership.

#### **(b) Council Appointments to Outside Bodies**

To submit recommendations to the Council as to the appointment or nomination of persons to serve on outside bodies. In cases of urgency to make appointments or nominations, subject to reporting the details to the next Council meeting for information.

#### **(c) Civic/Ceremonial**

To submit recommendations to the Council as to the conferment of rights and privileges (Honorary Alderman, Freedom of the City) and to consider and determine applications to use the City's Coat of Arms.

#### **(d) Constitutional Matters**

To keep the Council's Constitutional arrangements under review and to approve any in year minor changes relating to the non-Executive arrangements of the Constitution, and to submit recommendations to the Council as to major changes to the Constitution and the adoption of new or amended Standing Orders.

#### **(e) Members' Services and Allowances**

- (i) To be accountable for all aspects of services to Members.
- (ii) To keep under review the Council's Allowances Scheme and all other matters relating to Members' allowances.
- (iii) To oversee the Council's relationship with the Independent Remuneration Panel and to submit recommendations to the Council

both as to the operation and membership of the Panel and as to amendments to the Allowances Scheme.

**(f) Electoral Matters, Parish Councils & Boundary Changes**

- (i) To discharge the Council's various electoral duties under the Representation of the People Acts.
- (ii) To discharge the Council's functions, in relation to parishes and parish councils, under Part II of the Local Government & Rating Act 1997 and related Local Government legislation.
- (iii) To discharge the Council's functions under Part IV of the Local Government Act 1972 and Part II of the Local Government Act 1992 (relating to boundary reviews and alterations) and related Local Government legislation.

**(g) Financial & other Matters**

- (i) To consider any recommendations from the Audit Committee relating to the discharge the Council's duty, under the Accounts & Audits Regulations 1996.
- (ii) To discharge the Council's functions, relating to pensions, under the Superannuation Acts.
- (iii) To authorise the making of payments, under Section 92 of the Local Government Act 2000, on account of maladministration.
- (iv) Foreign travel by Members and Officers of the Council will be reported on a quarterly basis.

**(h) Terms and Conditions of Employment**

- (i) Holding management to account for implementing agreed terms and conditions of employment of staff.
- (ii) Agreeing any changes to terms and conditions of employment (the Birmingham Contract).
- (iii) Holding management to account for the effective consultation and negotiation with employees and representatives of regional and national bodies in connection with terms and conditions of employment.

The following Sub-Committees of the Council Business Management Committee are approved for the current Municipal Year:

- Miscellaneous Appeals Sub-Committee – to determine non-personnel appeals and reviews.

- Education Awards
- Election Matters Members Forum
- Lord Mayor's Advisory Group
- Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions
- [Personnel Appeals](#)
- [Local Authority School Governor Nomination Committee](#)

The Sub-Committee for Chief Officers (Officers reporting to the Chief Executive) and Deputy Chief Officers (Officers reporting to Chief Officers) shall comprise the Leaders of the three main political parties (or their nominees), and two other members subject to the proportionality rules.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to support the Council's Corporate Governance responsibilities and to provide independent assurance to the Council in relation to internal control, risk management and governance.

#### **Functions**

- (a) To review the City Council's Annual Accounts and Annual Good Governance Statement (AGGS). This will include advising on significant changes throughout the year to financial regulations and policies.
- (b) To monitor progress in addressing control or governance issues identified in the AGGS.
- (c) To review and provide the executive with assurance on the embedding and maintenance of an effective system of corporate governance including the risk management framework and the associated control environment.
- (d) Responsibilities as set out in the terms of reference in relation to external audit including reviewing the planned programme of work, noting fees and terms of engagement of the external auditor, considering and advising the executive on responses to audit management letters, reports and investigations and reviewing whether agreed external audit or inspection recommendations have been implemented as timetabled.
- (e) To review and make recommendations to the executive regarding the effectiveness of internal audit to include ensuring the internal audit function is adequately resourced, to review its strategy, receive, challenge and approve its annual plan and monitor its delivery and to review significant audit findings and monitor progress by managers in implementing agreed recommendations.
- (f) To consider and make recommendations to the executive on the Council's arrangements for deterring, preventing, detecting and investigating fraud.