

Part 9 – GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference of the Governance Committee

Regulatory Framework

To review the number of meetings and Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee.

To consider the Council's compliance with its own and other published standards and controls.

Constitutional Matters

To advise the Council on all matters relating to any review of the Council's decision-making arrangements

Members' Allowance Scheme

To receive the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and make recommendations for change the Members' Allowances Scheme to the Council and, if required, to the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel.

Electoral Arrangements

To advise the Council on all matters relating to:

Parliamentary, County, District and Parish/Town Council elections and referenda, including European Elections and England and Wales Police and Crime Commissioner Elections;

the revision of parish boundaries;

the overall number of Members of the District Council;

the preferred number of Members for each District Council Ward;

the number of Wards for the District of Sevenoaks;

the names and boundaries of District Council Wards;

carrying out Parish Governance Reviews under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

and any matters ancillary thereto.

Membership of the Committee

The Governance Committee will comprise 7 elected Members, one of which shall serve as Chairman, that follow the political proportionality of the Council. The membership of the Committee can be found at Appendix H – Membership of Cabinet, Committees etc.

No Member of the Governance Committee may be involved in reviewing a decision in which he/she has been directly involved.