

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**9 December 2020**

**Amendments to the Terms of Reference**

**Report of the Head of Legal and Governance**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the proposed amendments to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 To provide feedback on the amended Terms of Reference, prior to their presentation to full Council for consideration and approval in January 2021.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 In August 2020, the Council's external auditor issued a Report in the Public Interest (PIR) on Nottingham City Council's governance arrangements for Robin Hood Energy Ltd. In response to this Report, Full Council agreed an Action Plan at an extraordinary meeting held on 27 August 2020.
- 3.2 In response to Recommendations Five, Six and Nine of the PIR the agreed Action Plan requires that this Committee's Terms of Reference are reviewed. This review has been carried out against identified best practice and a revised draft of the Terms of Reference is attached as appendix A to this report. The current Term of Reference are attached as Appendix B for information.
- 3.3 The review redrafted the Terms of Reference in order to provide clarity on the role of the committee, particularly in relation to Council owned companies, Companies Governance Executive Sub-Committee and Audit Committee. Input was sought from the Local Government Association on the draft and, as a result of their feedback, further amendment was made, including the addition of specific reference to risk management.
- 3.4 The Committee is being consulted on the proposed amendments, prior to the revised Terms of Reference being presented to full Council for consideration and approval in January 2021.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Revised Terms of Reference – Appendix A

4.2 Current Terms of Reference – Appendix B

**5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None.

**6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 Report in the Public Interest (PIR) on Nottingham City Council's governance arrangements for Robin Hood Energy Ltd

6.2 Action Plan in response to the Report in the Public Interest on Nottingham City Council's governance arrangements for Robin Hood Energy.

6.3 Nottingham City Council's Constitution – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference.

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All.

**8 Contact information**

8.1 Laura Wilson  
Senior Governance Officer  
0115 8764301  
[laura.wilson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:laura.wilson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)