



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

1. LEGAL

Unless a statutory prohibition applies, the performance of the statutory powers and functions and related work of a local council can be delegated to a committee.

This Committee is appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 101, subsection 1 (a) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The powers, duties and functions of this Committee were approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on 28th May 2024, and updated at the Full Council Meeting on 26th November 2024.

2. CONSTITUTION

- The committee is called the Personnel Committee
- Membership includes Chair and Vice Chairs of Full Council, Finance and General Services Committee, and the Climate Change and Environment Committee.
- A minimum of 3 Cllrs must be present and voting at a meeting for a quorum to be found.
- If the number of Cllrs present falls below the required quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned, and business not transacted shall be placed before the next meeting of this committee.
- The Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership at the first meeting of the Committee after the Council's Annual Meeting.
- The Committee shall normally be clerked by the Executive Officer to the Council, who is required to advise the Committee on matters falling within its remit. However, the Committee may be required to make other arrangements for the Committee to be Executive Officered, for instance where a matter concerns the employment of the Executive Officer.
- The Committee shall hold two meetings a year, or more if necessary.
- Full Council agree the remit of the committee.
- The committee has full delegated power of decision making.
- The committee may consider other issues outside its remit referred to it by Full Council.
- The committee may agree a sub-committee and the terms of reference of that sub-committee.
- As a committee a formal summons for each meeting is required, in line with council standings orders.
- A draft report of each meeting will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Recruitment and Resourcing

- To make recommendations for forward planning in respect of staff resourcing and organisational structure.
- Staff recruitment, including agreeing job descriptions, overseeing interviews, and agreeing appointments. Where this is the recruitment of the Executive Officer, a recommendation shall be made by the committee to Full Council.
- Recruitment interviews shall be conducted by a panel of at least three, with the Executive Officer in attendance where posts report to the Executive Officer, and/or the Assets and Development Manager where the post report to them.



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Remuneration and Reward

- Making recommendations to Council regarding remuneration and reward, in consultation with line managers.
- Making recommendations to the Council in respect of incremental increases in salary, or other rewards, which are not contractual, in consultation with line managers.
- Making recommendations to Council regarding staff welfare, in consultation with line managers.

Performance Management

- Ensuring annual reviews are carried out by line managers.
- Overseeing the annual review of the Executive Officer.
- Internal disciplinary matters. The Committee shall hear and deal with these matters in accordance with the Council's Disciplinary Procedure, subject to the right of appeal to the Full Council in respect of any appeal.
- Internal grievance matters. The Committee shall hear and deal with these matters in accordance with the Council's Grievance Procedure, subject to right of appeal to the Full Council in respect of any adjudication or appeal.
- The Committee reserves the right to recommend referral of any legal matter in accordance with the grievance or disciplinary procedure to an outside third party.

Training and Development

- To approve all staff training in consultation with line managers.
- To make recommendations for member training, based on training needs/requests, in respect of all members.

Compliance

- Overseeing, in consultation with the Executive Officer, compliance by the Council with employment law, including equality legislation.
- Overseeing, in consultation with the Executive Officer, compliance by the Council with Health & Safety legislation.
- To review the Committee's terms of reference on an annual basis.