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REPORT TO:	Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC)
DATE:	14 th April 2022
SUBJECT:	BTAC Constitution Review
PURPOSE:	To review the current BTAC Terms of Reference within the Constitution.
KEY DECISION:	N/A
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Nigel Welton
REPORT OF:	BTAC Constitution Review Working Group.
REPORT AUTHOR:	Phil Perry – Assistant Director, Leisure & Culture
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	BTAC
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

BTAC at its 3rd February Committee meeting determined the need to review its Terms of Reference within the Constitution and to report back with its proposals to the 14th April meeting. This report considers the proposed revisions to BTAC's Constitution and recommends that they go forward as part of the ongoing review of the Constitution, to Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

For members to consider the proposed revisions to BTAC's Constitution and recommend they go forward as part of the ongoing review of the Constitution, to Council for approval.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To update the BTAC Terms of Reference within the Constitution, to bring it in line with current BTAC responsibilities and delegations from Cabinet.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Do Nothing

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** BTAC's role is to exercise and perform the powers and duties of the Council in relation to the following functions in respect of the non-parished Boston Town area of the Borough
BTAC Small Grant Scheme is for community groups and organisations wanting to contribute to their town centre community.
- 1.2** BTAC takes responsibility for the town's Special Area Expense Account, and also reflects and represents the views of the town wards and its residents.
- 1.3** The last review of the BTAC Constitution undertaken in 2005, which was subsequently approved at the 9th May 2005 Full Council, and came into force from April 2006. Appendix A, details the current BTAC Constitution and Appendix B, the corresponding Terms of Reference. Since April 2006, BTAC has encountered a number of changes to its provision of services.
- 1.4** The first change was an agreement by BTAC to transfer additional Council services into its responsibilities in July 2016, which included services such as the management of Central Park and Town Centre Toilets and Events.
- 1.5** In August 2017, BTAC also agreed a recommendation to Cabinet to fund the provision of Events (with the exception of the Mayfair) and Town Centre Maintenance Operatives.
- 1.6** In September 2020, Cabinet determined that it would remove the requirement for the Committee to seek Cabinet approval of expenditure over £10,000.

2. REPORT

- 2.1** BTAC at its 3rd February Committee meeting discussed changes to its Constitution and agreed to undertake two reviews to report back to the 14th April meeting. The first review would be the current grants scheme, which is subject to a separate report, and the second would be a review of the current Terms of Reference for BTAC. The agreed membership included the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillors Katie Chalmers and Martin Griggs and again facilitated by the committee lead officer.
- 2.2** The Working Group subsequently met on the 22nd February to review the Terms of Reference within BTAC's Constitution.
- 2.3** The Working Group undertook the review, determined the current functions on BTAC and its delegations from Cabinet and put forward proposed changes for the Committee and Council to consider. Appendix C to this report detail the proposed changes within the Constitution and Terms of Reference for BTAC.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1** BTAC's evolving role since its Constitution was last reviewed in 2005, led to BTAC agreeing to undertake a review of its Terms of Reference within the Constitution at its 3rd February 2022 meeting. This report details the outcomes of its 22nd February Working Group's review of its Terms of Reference within the Council's Constitution and corresponding proposals, in order to bring it in line with current BTAC responsibilities and delegations from Cabinet.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

There are no implications concerning any expected benefits to the Partnership arising from this report.

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

There are no implications concerning the Councils Partnership arising from this report.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

There are no implications concerning Corporate Priorities arising from this report.

STAFFING

None

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report will be subject to a Full Council decision.

DATA PROTECTION

None

FINANCIAL

None

RISK MANAGEMENT

None

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

No consultation undertaken.

REPUTATION

None

CONTRACTS

None

CRIME AND DISORDER

None

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

None

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

None

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

None

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Living Standards	By 2030, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
Research and Development	By 2030, domestic public investment in Research & Development outside the Greater South East will increase by at least 40% and at least one third over the Spending Review period, with that additional government funding seeking to leverage at least twice as much private sector investment over the long term to stimulate innovation and productivity growth.
Transport Infrastructure	By 2030, local public transport connectivity across the country will be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.
Digital Connectivity	By 2030, the UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population.
Education	By 2030, the number of primary school children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased. In England, this will mean 90% of children will achieve the expected standard, and the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by over a third.
Skills	By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.
Health	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.

Wellbeing	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
Pride in Place	By 2030, pride in place, such as people’s satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
Housing	By 2030, renters will have a secure path to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas; and the government’s ambition is for the number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen by 50%, with the biggest improvements in the lowest performing areas.
Crime	By 2030, homicide, serious violence, and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focused on the worst-affected areas.
Local Leadership	By 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution and a simplified, long-term funding settlement.

ACRONYMS

BTAC: Boston Town Area Committee

APPENDICES	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
APPENDIX A	BTAC Constitution (Current)
APPENDIX B	BTAC Terms of Reference
APPENDIX C	BTAC Constitution (Proposed)

BACKGROUND PAPERS	
Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -	
Document title	Where the document can be viewed

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT
A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

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S151 Officer consulted on financial implications:	NA
Deputy Monitoring Officer consulted on legal and constitutional implications:	Yes
Portfolio Holder consulted:	Yes
Ward Member consulted:	NA

FINANCE PROFORMA

PROFORMA FOR APPROVAL OF THE RELEASE OF RESOURCES

(CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS)

FROM:

THIS PROFORMA PROVIDES THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
IN RESPECT OF THE ATTACHED

REPORT:

REPORT DATE:

OPTION 1	£ Year 1 2020/21	£ Year 2 2021/22	£ Year 3 2022/23	£ Year 4 2023/24	£ Year 5 2024/25
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Revenue

Total Revenue Cost

Funding required:

Total capital cost £

Revenue cost £

Considered by:

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Financial Services Comments

Risk

Procurement

Value for Money Efficiency

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