



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Governance Committee

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Governance Terms of Reference 2026/27

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Governance Committee – Wednesday, 23 September 2026

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Governance Committee:

- 1.1 Agree and reconfirm the Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To set out the Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee as outlined at Appendix A of the report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Constitution requires that Full Council should agree at its Annual Meeting the Terms of Reference for each of its Committees to enable the Council to efficiently conduct its business.

3.2 At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 21 May 2026, Full Council delegated authority to each Committee to review its own Terms of Reference.

3.3 The Terms of Reference forms part of the Consitution and approved by Full Council in that context on 21 May 2026.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 For the Governance Committee to review and reconfirm its Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix A.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 There are no options arising from this report.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 There are no key risks arising from this report.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The Governance Committee underpins good accountability and robust governance arrangements; any funding requirements to fulfil its role will be met from within the overall Medium Term Financial Strategy.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 The Constitution requires that the Committee's Terms of Reference should be reviewed annually. This report provides the basis for that review. There are no HR implications arising from this report.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 There are no direct ward implications directly arising from this report.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 There are no health, social or economic implications arising from this report.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 There are equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no climate change, Biodiversity and environmental implications arising from this report.

14.0 Background Papers

[Council Constitution](#)

15.0 Appendices

A Governance Committee Terms of Reference 2026/2027

16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	15.09.2026	15.9.2026	DTW