



Report to:
 Northwards Housing Board
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Item No:
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Title:	Revision to Standing Orders		
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Confidential:	No		
For: (Please tick action required)	NOTING	DISCUSSION	APPROVAL ✓
PURPOSE OF REPORT			
The Audit Sub-committee approved a report on the management of health and safety that includes the proposal that health and safety matters should in future be dealt with by the Audit Sub-committee, and not the Resources Sub-committee.			
RECOMMENDATION			
<p>The Board is requested to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A change in Standing Orders to remove health and safety from paragraph 14.3 (Resources Sub-committee) and add health and safety to paragraph 14.4 (Audit Sub-committee) 			
IMPLICATIONS			
Equality & Diversity:	There are no specific implications for equality and diversity arising from this change.		
Financial:	There are no financial implications.		
Staffing:	None.		
Decency Target:	This change does not have implications for our Decent Homes target.		
Governance:	A change in Standing Orders.		
Risk Assessment:	None.		

Equality Impact Assessment	
When a new policy, procedure or initiative is being submitted for approval an Equality Impact Assessment must have been completed. Please give details below.	
Function being assessed	
Section	
Date of assessment	
Person Responsible for assessment	

Is this a new or existing policy?	
If there are significant implications in terms of equality please append a summary report.	

Consultation/Consideration:

	Yes, No or N/A:	Name:	Date:
Sub-Committee:			
Area Panel:			
Task Groups:			
Ward Councillors:			

Background

A report proposing changes to the management of health and safety was approved at the Audit Sub-committee on 22nd April.

One of the proposals was that health and safety should no longer be considered at the Resources Sub-committee, but in future be dealt with by the Audit Sub-committee. The reason for this change is that the management of health and safety is a special case of the management of risk generally. Risk management is considered at Audit Sub-committee, and therefore to maintain consistency health and safety should also be dealt with at that committee.

Further, the main thrust of the report was that Northwards should adopt an audit approach to health and safety management, making the Audit Sub-committee the natural place for health and safety in the governance structure.

The division of matters between sub-committees is spelt out in our standing orders; therefore the Board is asked to approve the relevant change set out below.

Proposal: That the Board approves the following changes to Standing Orders:

- **Health and safety be deleted from section 14.3**
- **Health and safety be added to section 14.4**