Committee	Dated:
Policy & Resources Committee	19 January 2017
Subject: Terms of Reference – Courts Sub-Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

At its December 2016 meeting, your Courts Sub-Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference. These had been revised to take into account the fact that the new Sub Committee would now be responsible for oversight of the management of all matters relating to all of the City's Courts as opposed to just the Central Criminal Court. Members wanted to make it clear that, as seen from the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee establishing the Sub-Committee, it had always been the intention that there would be no change to the role of the Court of Aldermen in relation to the appointment of the Secondary and Under Sheriff and that all matters in relation to the activities and operation of the Shrievalty would be excluded from the work of this Sub Committee and that, ex-officio Members of the Committee would not have voting rights if they were not also directly elected Members of the Court of Common Council.

Recommendation

Members are asked to agree the proposed changes to the Courts Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference and Constitution.

Main Report

Background

- The Courts Sub-Committee met for the second time on 2 December 2016.
 Members discussed the Terms of Reference which had been revised to reflect
 the fact that the Sub-Committee would now be responsible for oversight of the
 management of all matters relating to all of the City's Courts.
- 2. During discussion, Members of the Courts Sub-Committee agreed to recommend that these should make it clear that, as seen from the decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee establishing the Sub-Committee, it had always been the intention that there would be no change to the role of the Court of Aldermen in relation to the appointment of the Secondary and Under Sheriff and that all matters in relation to the activities and operation of the Shrievalty would be excluded from the work of this Sub Committee, and that ex-officio Members of the Committee would not have voting rights if they were not also directly elected

Members of the Court of Common Council and recommended that this be referred to under the 'Constitution' information of the Sub-Committee.

Current Position

3. The Policy & Resources Committee is asked to approve the revised wording to the information on the Sub Committee's Constitution and Terms of Reference (attached).

Appendices

Courts Sub Committee Constitution and Terms of Reference.

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