

Agenda Item No:	6	
Committee:	Rural and Farming Executive Advisory Committee	
Date:	13 March 2024	
Report Title:	Rural and Farming Executive Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	

1 Purpose / Summary

To confirm to Members of the Rural and Farming Executive Advisory Committee the revised Terms of Reference for the Committee as agreed by Full Council in February 2024.

2 Key issues

- During the July 2023 meeting of Full Council Members agreed to establish 3 new Executive Advisory Committees including the Rural and Farming Executive Advisory Committee.
- The newly formed Executive Advisory Committee was to consist of 7 substantive and 5 substitute seats
- The original specific Terms of Reference agreed by Full Council for this committee were: -
 - To act as a mouthpiece for the needs of Fenland's most rural communities, including the farming and wider agricultural sectors;
 - To reflect any concerns that Fenland's most rural communities (including the farming and wider agricultural sectors) may have in matters for which Fenland District Council is responsible.
- During the February 2024 meeting of Full Council, Members agreed that due to the recent flooding issues in the District, adding an oversight of matters relating to flooding would be a helpful and useful role for the Rural and Farming Executive Advisory Committee and therefore this has been added to the terms of reference as follows
 - Reflect upon flooding issues affecting the District

3 Recommendations

- For Members of the Rural and Farming Executive Committee to note the updated Terms of Reference for the Committee

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	

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Background Paper(s)	Council, Constitutional Amendments Report, February 2024 Council, Constitutional Amendments, Establishment of Executive Advisory Committees Report, July 2023 Council, Committee Balance, Proportionality Balance and Allocation of Seats Report, May 2023