



## Council – 23 July 2018

### Updates to the Constitution

#### **Purpose of report**

This report proposes a number of amendments to the Constitution to reflect changes in legislation, council practices or best practice.

#### **Attachment(s)**

None – A supplementary report is currently being prepared which sets out the detail, which will be circulated to elected members as soon as it is available.

#### **1.0 Background**

1.1 The Monitoring Officer has a responsibility to regularly review the Constitution in the light of the changing context in which the council operates, including changes in legislation. A full review of the Constitution was undertaken in 2015 by Internal Audit and the council's legal advisors, LGSS, and a significant number of changes were implemented as a result. A smaller number of changes have been approved during 2016 and 2017.

#### **2.0 Proposed changes to the Constitution**

2.1 This report proposes a number of changes, the detail of which is currently being prepared and will be the subject of a supplementary report to Council. These include a number of amendments required to reflect the new committee structure approved at Annual Council on 16 May 2018.

#### **3.0 Equality and Diversity Implications**

3.1 There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report.

#### **4.0 Legal Implications**

4.1 There are no known legal implications arising from the changes proposed in this report other than those noted against each proposed change.

#### **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

#### **6.0 Constitutional Implications**

6.1 The proposed change to the Constitution will take effect immediately after the Council approves the amendments.

#### **7.0 Customer Services Implications**

7.1 There are no direct customer services implications arising from this report



#### **8.0 Corporate Outcomes**

8.1 The proposed amendments to the Constitution will contribute to the corporate outcome of Effective Management by ensuring transparency in decision making.

**9.0 Recommendation**

9.1 That the Constitution be amended, as to be set out in the supplementary report to Council.

*[Reason: to ensure that the Constitution continues to provide appropriate guidance on council decision making]*

<b>Legal</b>	Power: Various – as noted in the report				
	Other considerations:				
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