

COUNCIL – 22ND APRIL 2024

Report of the Cabinet

REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Purpose of Report

To consider a recommendation of Cabinet in respect of the annual review of the Council's Constitution.

Recommendation

That the changes to the Constitution set out in appendix 1 to the Cabinet report (attached as an Annex) be made, to be effective from the new Civic Year 2024/25.

Reason

To ensure the Constitution is kept up to date and fulfils its intended purposes.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Policy justification detailed in the attached Annex.

At its meeting on 4th April 2024, Cabinet considered a report of the Head of Democracy regarding the annual review of the Council's Constitution. That report is attached as an Annex. The following minute extract details Cabinet's consideration of the matter:

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Considered, a report of the Head of Democracy: Review of the Constitution, for recommendation to Council (item 11 on the agenda supplement filed with these minutes).

In respect of the proposed change relating to single member wards (item 4 agenda supplement pages 13-15), it was noted that the Head of Democracy had received a request from a councillor that an addition be made such that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or councillors who are ill and have a disclosable interest be required to follow the procedure set out for single ward members. The Leader stated that in most such cases a fellow ward councillor would be available and should be looked to first. The Head of Democracy would explore the request with appropriate officers and councillors prior to consideration of the review by Full Council.

RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that the changes to the Constitution set out in appendix 1 to the report be made, to be effective from the new Civic Year 2024/25.

Reason

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Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

As detailed in the attached Annex.

Report Implications

As detailed in the attached Annex.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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