

COUNCIL – 25TH APRIL 2022

Report of the Cabinet

ITEM 6.2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

Purpose of Report

To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution following the annual review.

Recommendation

That the changes to the Constitution set out in Appendix 1 to the report (attached as an Annex) be made, to be effective from the new Civic Year 2022/23.

Reason

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

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Section 2.4 of the Constitution requires the Monitoring Officer to monitor and review the Constitution. These reviews are undertaken annually with the last such review being considered by the Cabinet on 8th April 2021 (Item 7, Minute 108 refers) and Council on 26th April 2021 (Item 6.2, minute 132 refers).

At its meeting on 7th April 2022, the Cabinet considered a report of the Monitoring Officer, proposing amendments to the Constitution following this year's annual review, for recommendation to Council. That report is attached as an Annex.

An extract from the Cabinet minutes which details the Cabinet's consideration of the matter is set out below.

"106. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Considered, a report of the Monitoring Officer to consider amendments to the Council's Constitution following the annual review, for recommendation to Council (item 9 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Democratic Services Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer) assisted with consideration of the report.

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 2022/23.

Reason

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

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The approved changes to the Constitution will take effect from the new Civic Year 2022/23 as set out in the recommendation. The Monitoring Officer will publish an updated version of the Constitution incorporating the approved changes.

A change to the delegation of Executive functions to officers was identified in the course of this year's review. This was the subject of a separate report to the Leader, who has the authority to make changes to the delegation of Executive functions. A report setting out the change appears elsewhere on this agenda.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no costs associated with making the recommended changes to the Constitution.

Risk Management

No specific risks have been identified in connection with this report.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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