



<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF HR, LEGAL &amp; CORPORATE SERVICES</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>
<b>ON:</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017</b>

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**SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Council that the Constitution Article 14 and Part 3 Section 16 has been updated.
- 1.2 To advise the proposed updated Constitution remains publicly available on the Council's website with the Agenda for this meeting and is available in full printed form in the Group rooms.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

To approve:

The amendments made to Article 14 and Part 3 Section 16.

## **3. CONSTITUTION UPDATE**

The Constitution is a key document setting out the governance framework of the Council. From time to time the constitution needs to be updated to reflect changes in legislation, resolutions passed by Council, portfolio changes made by the Leader, and changes made to the Council management structure and delegations. The Constitution was last updated in December 2016.

Members will note that there have been changes to the Chief Officer structure of the Council approved through the Chief Officers Employment Committee and as appropriate via the partnership agreement with Capita which required amendments to Part 3, Section 16 Officer Scheme of Delegation. Those changes are now reflected in the revised Constitution.

During the latest review of the Constitution it was also identified that a section on the Common Seal of the Council should be included in Article 14 and this is now an addition as 14.05.

## **5. CONSTITUTION POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Constitutions set out the governance framework for local authorities, which provide the foundations for any local authority that aspires to be effective, progressive and successful.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Local Government Act 2000 requires local authorities to prepare, keep up-to-date and publicise their constitution.

## **8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

The constitution update reflects changes in legislation. It also reflects various resolutions passed at Council, which would have been subject to an equality assessment, if any.

## **10. CONSULTATIONS**

Council Chief Officers and Members

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Background Papers: None