



REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF HR, LEGAL & CORPORATE SERVICES
TO:	COUNCIL FORUM
ON:	1st DECEMBER 2016

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION UPDATE – SECTION 6 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Council that the Constitution Section 6 Code of Corporate Governance 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 Section 6 of the Constitution - Code of Corporate Governance.

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 July 2016.

Members will note that following the publication of "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Guidance Notes for English Authorities (2016 Edition)" by CIPFA & SOLACE the current Code of Corporate Governance was to be reviewed during 2016.

That work has now been completed and a recommended revised and updated Code is set out in the Appendix to this report.

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

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