



## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

17 January 2012

## REPORT

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – Finance Procedure Rules
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<b>Policy context:</b>	Constitutional amendments
<b>Financial summary:</b>	There are no relevant financial implications

### The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### SUMMARY

1. While the Monitoring Officer has the power to make amendments to the Constitution in certain limited circumstances other amendments are dealt with under Part 1 Article 4.02 paragraph (a) of the Constitution, which provides that only the Council will exercise the function of adopting and changing the Constitution.
2. Part 3 Section 1 paragraph 1.2 of the Constitution provides that this Committee will
  - a. monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the views and principles of the Constitution are given full effect

- b. make recommendations to the Council about amending the Constitution
3. Recent applications of the Constitution have identified a number of areas where small amendments or additions to various delegated powers would assist the delivery of the Council's work.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee **RECOMMEND** to Council that the revised Financial Procedure Rules be adopted.

## REPORT DETAIL

- 1 The Financial Procedure Rules (in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution) were revised and updated in 2010, as part of the review of the Constitution then undertaken.
- 2 A further review has recently been completed and the Committee is now invited to approve the revised version, as set out in the appendix.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

### **Financial implications and risks:**

There are no specific financial implications

### **Legal implications and risks:**

There are no relevant legal implications

### **Human Resources Implications and risks:**

There are no relevant HR implications

### **Equalities implications and risks:**

There are no relevant equality implications

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.