

COUNCIL, 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION UPDATE

At its meeting on 30 August, Governance Committee considered a report (attached) on updates to the Constitution. This covered amendments arising from the changes in the Council's management and departmental structures and functions. Minor variations were also proposed to the arrangement of the Members' Code of Conduct and this requires the approval of full Council.

These variations included a reordering of the requirements of the Code so as to place appropriate weight and focus on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and to make arrangements for these clearer for Members. It was also proposed to delete paragraph 8 (3) of the Code, the effect of which would be that any personal interests arising from membership or management of bodies specified in the Code are declared at the meeting on the same basis as other interests.

The report was agreed by Governance Committee at its meeting on 30 August 2017 and Council is therefore **RECOMMENDED**:

To agree the proposed changes to the Councillor Code of Conduct as shown in the appendix to the attached report of the Governance Committee.