

COUNCIL 24 JULY 2024

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATES (FLAG FLYING POLICY AND SOCIAL MEDIA PROTOCOL)

Basis

1. This report is presented to Full Council pursuant to para. 2(g) of Part 4.5 of the Constitution.

Background

2. This report concerns:
 - a. the Flag Flying and Lighting Up Policy; and
 - b. the Social Media Protocol.
3. The Flag Flying and Lighting Up Policy sets out the Council's policy for raising flags over, and lighting up of, the Council's owned (or otherwise controlled) land and buildings.
4. The Social Media Protocol is intended to provide such guidance to Members in their use of social media and complements the general rules under the Members' Code of Conduct.
5. Neither document is included within the body of the Constitution itself, but sit parallel to it.
6. Both documents have been updated by the Monitoring Officer under the guidance of the (cross-party) Constitutional Working Group and have been approved by Governance Committee.
7. Full Council is asked to endorse the documents and to direct that Members and Officers abide by it.

Recommendations

8. Full Council is recommended to approve and endorse the Flag Flying and Lighting Up Policy and the Social Media Protocol.
9. Any previous policy or protocol, agreed by the Council or any of its sub-committees, be superseded.

Implications and risks

Financial Implications and Risks:

None directly associated with this report.

Legal Implications and Risks:

There are no immediate legal implications directly associated with this report.

Human Resource Implications and Risks:

There are none directly associated with this report.

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks:

There are none directly associated with this report.

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Background papers

None