

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW –
VARIOUS PARTS**

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Policy context:

A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

Financial summary:

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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

People - Things that matter for residents

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place. X

SUMMARY

1. Governance Committee (“GC”) is aware that the Council’s constitution is currently being updated on a piecemeal basis, under the direction of the Constitutional Working Group (“CWG”).
2. Attached to this report is the proposed report of the Monitoring Officer (“MO”) to Full Council (“FC”), together with all relevant attachments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. GC is asked to consider the revised constitution, as attached to this report and to recommend that it be submitted to FC for approval and adoption, subject to consideration of any changes as suggested by GC.

REPORT DETAIL

4. As per the attached FC report.
5. All matters referred to within the FC report, with the exception of the Contract Procedure Rules and the Policy & Strategy Development Framework, have previously been reported to and agreed by GC.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Equalities implications and Risks

6. None.

Legal implications and Risks

7. A key role for GC is to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the constitution adopted by the Council and to make recommendations for ways in which it could be amended, in order better to achieve the purposes set out in Article 1, including setting the framework within which the Council operates, enabling the Council to provide clear leadership to the community and providing an effective means of holding decision-makers to public account.
8. Changes to the constitution will be approved by FC only after consideration of the proposals by GC.
9. It is the MO's responsibility to maintain an up-to-date version of the constitution and ensure that it is widely available for consultation by members, staff and the public. The proposals set in the report are intended to meet these requirements.

Financial implications and risks:

10. There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Human Resources implications and risks:

11. The recommendations made in this report do not give rise to any identifiable HR risks or implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce.

Environmental and climate change implications and risks

12. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.