

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Constitutional Changes	
Key Decision		
Ward	All	
Contributors	Director of Law, HR & Governance	
Class	Part 1	Date 21 October 2020

1. Summary

Following consideration by the Council's Constitution Working Party (CWP) of proposals to amend the Council's Constitution, Council is asked to agree certain amendments to the Council's Constitution as recommended by CWP.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Council's Constitution remains fit for purpose and that it is reviewed to comply with legal and constitutional requirements and new ways of working. The amendments recommended for approval in this report reflect the findings of the Local Democracy Review which suggested that Overview & Scrutiny task and finish groups should be set up.

3 Recommendations

That the Council:-

- 3.1 Note the report and draft minutes of the CWP dated 8 October 2020 as set out in Appendix 1;
- 3.2 Agree the proposed amendments to the Constitution in relation to Overview & Scrutiny task and finish groups appearing in Appendix 1; and
- 3.4 Subject to agreement to the recommendation at 3.2, ask officers to ensure that the amended Constitution is publicly available

4. Background

- 4.1 Members' attention is drawn to the contents of the report and attachments appearing at Appendix 1 which sets out the amendments required to the Council's Constitution to enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to establish task and finish groups.
- 4.2 Members will note that CWP also considered an amendment to the Constitution relating to the Health and Wellbeing Board. That amendment is dealt with in a separate report to Council.

5. Legal, financial, equalities, crime and disorder implications

The report which was considered by CWP and is now at Appendix 1 set out all considerations for members to consider. It is not proposed to repeat them here though they are before members and they are invited to consider the report at Appendix 1 in its entirety alongside this covering report.

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