

**Report to COUNCIL**

# **Constitutional Amendments and Members Allowances**

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## **Reason for Decision**

To present to the Full Council proposed changes/Amendments to the Constitution.

## **Recommendations**

1. That the proposed amendments/changes to the Constitution as detailed within the report are approved.
2. To agree that any future changes to the Specific Officer Functions be delegated to the Monitoring Officer and reported to the next available Council.

**1 Background**

1.1 Further to the Constitutional Amendments report considered by Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019, there are further amendments for Council to consider.

**1.2 References to Deputy Chief Executive generic delegations to include Strategic Directors (apart from specific delegations to the Deputy Chief Executive relevant portfolio)**

Any reference in the Constitution to generic delegations in relation to the Deputy Chief Executive Role to be applicable to Strategic Directors.

**Councillors' Annual Reports – New Heading – Council Procedure Rules – Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions**

Each Elected Member's Annual Report will be submitted to Full Council in March every year for noting.

**Specific Delegations to the Strategic Director of Commissioning - Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions**

To add specific delegations to the Constitution for the functions that are within the remit of the Strategic Director of Commissioning to include Finance, Procurement and Commissioning.

**Petitions Protocol – Part 5 – Codes and Protocols**

- To remove the reference to District Executives/District Executive Chair and Executive Director and replace with District Lead/Coordinator and Deputy Chief Executive/ Strategic Director.
- To clarify petitions are to be received by Constitutional Services as a central point for acknowledgement. Copy of amended protocol attached at appendix 1

**Members Allowances**

To reinstate the allowance for transport duties.

The Transport for Greater Manchester Committee (soon to be constituted as The Greater Manchester Transport Committee) allowance, will be subject to future decisions as the original allowance was an agreement between AGMA and each district council of Greater Manchester.

Pending a future decision it is recommended that the previous arrangement continues (i.e. an allowance of £4,069) and enabled to be claimed, notwithstanding if a Member is already in receipt of a Special Responsibility Allowance.

**2 Options/Alternatives**

2.1 Option 1 – Approve the recommendations subject to agreement of other reports on the agenda.

Option 2 – Do not approve the recommendations and provide alternatives to the proposals.

**3 Legal Services Comments**

3.1 The legal issues are covered in the body of the report.

**4 Background Papers**

4.1 Oldham Council Constitution