

Report to COUNCIL

Constitution - Consequential Amendments

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Reason for Decision

The report highlights, on grounds of good governance, consequential and other amendments to the Council Constitution required following the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the report and the consequential amendments to Part 3 “Responsibility for Functions” to the Constitution be noted.
2. The revisions to Part 2 “Articles” and Part 3 “Responsibility for Functions” referenced in this report be approved.
3. Any further consequential amendments arising from this report be delegated to the Director of Legal.

Constitution Consequential Amendments

1 Background

3.1 A number of decisions were taken at either the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2021 or at subsequent meetings that have impacted on the Council Constitution. This report highlights those issues and the amendments required or made to the Constitution under delegated powers.

3.2 Executive arrangements

- (a) The Leader of the Council announced Cabinet Portfolios and Cabinet Members at the Annual Meeting. These details are to be incorporated at Part 3, Section 6.7 “Cabinet Membership and Portfolios” of the Council Constitution.
- (b) The Cabinet, at a meeting held on 21st June 2021, appointed members to various Cabinet Committees/Boards. These details are to be incorporated at Part 3 Section 7.1 “Cabinet and other bodies and Memberships” of the Council Constitution.

The above amendments to the Constitution can be effected by the Director of Legal under delegated powers.

3.3 Committee arrangements

- (a) The Annual Meeting of the Council agreed revised decision making arrangements related to employment matters which included the establishment of an Investigation and Disciplinary Committee. Council is now asked to confirm the establishment of the Committee as a Sub-Committee of the Employment Committee and for the status of the body to further considered no later than the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2022. This revision will require amendment to Part 2 Article 8 – “Regulatory and other Committees” and to Part 3 Section 4 “Responsibility for Council Functions – Council Committees and Terms of Reference” accordingly to reflect the change.

2 Consultation

2.1 Issues raised with regard to Contract Procedure Rules were considered by the Council’s Procurement Group which includes the Directors of Legal and Finance Services.

3 Background Papers

3.1 None.

4 Appendices

4.1 None.