

Report to the Annual Meeting of the Council

Council Constitution

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21st May 2025

Reason for Decision

To invite the Council to re-affirm the Council Constitution as a matter of good governance.

Recommendations

1. That the Council re-affirms the Council Constitution.

Council Constitution

1 Background

- 1.1 While the Council's Constitution can be amended by the Council during the course of the Municipal Year, it is suggested that as a matter of good governance the Council should re-affirm the Council Constitution on an annual basis.
- 1.2 The Council's Constitution is published on the Council's website and is up to date with all Constitutional matters considered and agreed by the Council up to and including the meeting held on 11th September 2024. The Constitution can be accessed via the link below:

[Oldham Council Constitution](#)

Update to the Constitution

- 1.3 It is proposed to undertake a review of the Constitution through the member Constitution Working Group, and a report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Council.
- 1.4 As detailed in the Constitution and included in the Terms of Reference of Council, it is a requirement to adopt a scheme of members' allowances. The Independent Remuneration Panel has recently met. It is recommended that the existing Member's Allowance Scheme, continue into 2025/26, when the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel will be presented to the Council for consideration at the Council meeting on 10th July 2025.

2 Options/Alternatives

- 2.1 To not agree to re-affirm the Council Constitution.

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 The preferred option is to re-affirm the Constitution to ensure that the Council's governance framework remains valid and the Constitution can be relied upon in law.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 Discussion has taken place with the Leader and Leaders of the Main opposition groups.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 N/A

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 Legal comments are provided in the body of the report.

7 Equality Impact including implications for Children and Young Persons

- 7.1 N/A

8	Key Decision
8.1	No
9	Key Decision Reference
9.1	N/A
10	Background Papers
10.1	None.
11	Background Papers
11.1	None.
12	Appendices
12.1	None.