

REPORT TO CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

REPORT OF: HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

REPORT NO: LDS106

DATE: 23rd SEPTEMBER 2013

TITLE:	CONSTITUTION REVIEW – Article 1 and 18	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Not applicable	
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Councillor Paul Carpenter – Portfolio Holder for Governance and Communication	
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INITIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS: Equality and Diversity	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below Not applicable	Full impact assessment Required: Not applicable
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Your Council and Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	The Constitution	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended the Constitution Committee consider the proposed changes to the Constitution to amend and amalgamate Articles 1 and 18 as detailed at the Appendix to this report and recommend to Council to approve the proposed changes.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to inform the Constitution Committee of the proposed changes to the Constitution and to make a recommendation to Council to approve the proposed changes.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

3.1 The Constitution, as written, includes:

- Article 1 – The Constitution,
- Article 18 – Review and Revision of the Constitution.

3.2 The proposal for change combines the two articles to create one relating to the Constitution. The purpose of the Constitution has been expressed in the proposed article taking wording which is currently in the introduction of the Constitution.

3.3 Article 18 has been reviewed and incorporated into article 1 to provide one article.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No other options have been considered in respect of these amendments.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications relating to the proposals.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION

Risk has been considered as part of this report and any specific high risks are included in the table below:

Category Risk	Action / Controls
No significant risks	

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS

Equality impact analysis not required

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

No crime and disorder implications

9. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

There are no financial implications relating to the amendments.

10. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

There are no legal or democratic implications relating to the proposed amendments.

11. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

None relevant

Appendix - Proposed Article 1 of the Constitution.