

# REPORT TO CONSTITUTION AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF: LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER  
(MONITORING OFFICER)

REPORT NO.: DLS0098

DATE: 30<sup>TH</sup> April 2007

<b>TITLE:</b>	AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
<b>FORWARD PLAN ITEM:</b>	N/A
<b>DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:</b>	N/A
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>	N/A

<b>COUNCIL AIMS/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE - COUNCILLOR LINDA NEAL	
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	
<b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>	N/A	
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>		
<b>INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>Carried out and appended to report?</b>	<b>Full impact assessment required?</b>
	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	CEX373 – Report to Council - 19.4.07 CB01 – Report to Constitution and Accounts Committee – 26.3.07	

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The Council at its meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007 resolved, with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007, the new structure for scrutiny and policy development will be constituted as follows -

1.1 a new structure for scrutiny and policy development comprising three 7 member Policy Development Groups (PDGs) with remits as follows:

- (a) Resources. This PDG will be co-terminus with the remit of the Cabinet Portfolio responsibilities for Resources and Assets, and Organisational Development as set out in the current Council's Constitution;
- (b) Engagement. The remit will be co-terminus with the Cabinet Portfolio responsibilities for Access and Engagement, and Strategic Partnerships as set out in the current Council's Constitution;
- (c) Community. This remit will be co-terminus with the Cabinet Portfolio responsibilities for Economic Development and Healthy Environment as set out in the current Council's Constitution.

1.2 The formation of an 11 member Scrutiny Committee with powers to exercise call-in over both executive matters and all other call-in functions granted to the Council over third parties.

1.3 That the size of the Development Control Committee to remain at 17 members.

1.4 That the Chief Executive is instructed to prepare a new Constitution for formal adoption on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007 which details all consequential amendments needed to implement this decision.

This report is made to the Constitution and Accounts Committee to recommend the amendments required to the Constitution to bring this resolution into effect.

During the review of the Constitution carried out to incorporate these amendments, anomalies have been corrected and all previous changes agreed by this Committee and approved by Council have been checked and rectified where necessary.

The amendments are set out in the attached appendix\* as tracked changes.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Constitution and Accounts Committee agree the amendments to the Council's Constitution as detailed in the attached appendix\* for ratification by Council at its annual meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

**3. DETAILS OF REPORT**

The amendments are as detailed in the attached draft constitution as shown by way of tracked changes.

**4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED**

The amendments to the Constitution are required to bring into effect the resolution of the Council. The amendments suggested incorporate the Constitution as it now stands with provision for the three Policy Development Groups and a Scrutiny Committee

**5. COMMENTS OF SECTION 151 OFFICER**

To be presented at the meeting.

**6. COMMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER**

As detailed in the body of the report.

**7. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE MANAGER**

I am satisfied the amendments made to the Constitution are as agreed by the Council over the preceding 12 months have been included in this revised version.

**8. CONTACT OFFICER**

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