



COUNCIL – 13TH JUNE 2017

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES & MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To note and endorse the changes to the Council's Constitution as attached at Appendix 1 and marked in italics to give effect to the changes to the Executive agreed by Council at the Annual General Meeting.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report sets out details of the required changes to the Council's Constitution to give effect to the changes to the Executive agreed by Council at the Annual General Meeting.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The requirement to establish and maintain the Council's Constitution is set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and contributes to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 as it sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. It sets the framework for the decision making roles and responsibilities which will impact on future generations.

- *A prosperous Wales*
- *A resilient Wales*
- *A healthier Wales*
- *A more equal Wales*
- *A Wales of cohesive communities*
- *A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language*
- *A globally responsible Wales*

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Council's Constitution was formally adopted by the Council in May 2002. It sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that the decision making processes are efficient, transparent and available to local people. The Constitution is a 'living document' in that it is constantly being updated and revised to reflect new government legislation and improvements and changes in procedures gained in light of experience.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Appendix 1 to this Report sets out details of the amendments required to the Council's Constitution to give effect to the changes to the Executive arrangements approved by Council at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.2 In addition it is proposed that the Council's Rules of Procedure paragraph 1.1 (v) are amended to reflect that the current term of office for the Leader has been extended to 5 years for the elections held in May 2017.
- 5.3 All changes are shown in italics and bold on the relevant extracts of the Constitution attached at Appendix 1.

6. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 6.1 This report contributes to the Well-being Goals as set out in Links to Strategy above. It is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act in that the Constitution sets out a clear framework for how the Council operates in particular the decision making responsibilities, which will consider the positive and negative impacts on future generations, long term resilience, economic, environmental and social capital.

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are none arising from the contents of the Report.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are none arising from the contents of the Report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 None arising from the content of this Report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Members are asked to note and endorse the information contained in this Report.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 To comply with the relevant legislation and the Council's Constitution.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Changes to Constitution (shown in bold and italics)

Background papers:

Report to Council 18th May 2017

The Council's Constitution is available on the website