

## **Report of the Monitoring Officer on suggested Constitutional Changes**

### **Summary**

1. To provide the first tranche of suggested constitutional changes to the committee for consideration and discussion.

### **Background**

2. Members will recall that, at its meeting on 8 November 2023, the committee agreed that a Constitution Working Group be established to consider the proposed changes to the Constitution.
3. That cross-party working group has met on a number of occasions since last November and is now in a position to share the revised draft Council Procedure Rules (Appendix 3 to the Constitution), attached at Annex 1 in tracked form and Annex 2 in clean form.
4. The revised draft Council Procedures Rules are presented with the endorsement of the Constitution Working Group. The Working Group did, however, wish to particularly raise the Committee's awareness of the proposed change in the number of motions at Council meetings, from four to two, which plays a significant part in the ability of the Council to reduce the length of meetings to two and a half hours.
5. The revised draft is presented to Committee by way of early consideration; it is not expected that the above query, or any discussion on other substantive points, will be resolved at this meeting. Rather, it is intended that Members have time to consider the attached draft document, with a view that a substantive discussion may take place at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee on 4 September.

## 6. Implications

**Financial** – None directly arising from this report.

**Human Resources (HR)** – None directly arising from this report.

**Equalities** – None directly arising from this report.

**Legal** – None directly arising from this report.

**Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property** – None directly arising from this report.

## Recommendations

7. It is recommended that Members:
- Receive the attached proposed constitutional changes; and
  - Consider the proposed changes in advance of the meeting on 4 September 2024.

## Reasons for the Recommendation

8. To allow the Committee to consider the proposed Constitutional changes.

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**Wards Affected:** List wards or tick box to indicate all **All**

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## Background Papers:

- None

## Annexes:

- Annex 1 – Council Procedure Rules – Tracked Version
- Annex 2 – Council Procedure Rules – Clean Version