

UPDATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Executive, in accordance with Article 16 of the Council's Constitution, on revisions Council has agreed to the Constitution. Such revisions on this occasion relate to:
 - the formal abolition of the Shadow Executive from the Council's structure;
 - the removal of the former Executive Member Advisory Panels (EMAPS); and
 - the introduction of revised scrutiny structures

Background

2. During 2009/10, the Council has agreed and introduced a number of structural and decision making changes, resulting in consequential changes to the Constitution. Members will be familiar with these changes and indeed the agreed changes to decision making and scrutiny structures, including the formal abolition of EMAPS and the Shadow Executive are now operational. Annex A, however, summarises precisely where the consequential changes to the Constitution have been made.
3. All Members will have received relevant updated pages to their hard copy Constitutions. The Constitution is publicly available on the website and has now been updated to reflect the changes referred to and as set out in Annex A.

Consultation

- 4 No consultation is necessary on this report as the actual changes to the structure and relevant processes have already been agreed by Members. This report merely meets a constitutional requirement to report any consequential amendments which have duly be made to the Constitution.

Options

- 5 There are no options associated with this report, which is purely for Members' information and further to a constitutional requirement to update Members following agreed constitutional changes.

Corporate Priorities

- 6 Changing the way we do things as a Council and revising or renewing decision making structures, or any aspect of the Constitution generally, contributes specifically to helping make this Council an effective organisation through putting in place appropriate structures and practices to support its decision making and scrutiny arrangements.

7 Implications

There are no financial, human resource or other implications associated with this report, other than the legal requirement to ensure the Council has a Constitution in place, which should clearly be kept current and maintained.

Risk Management

- 8 There are no known risks associated with this report, other than failing to keep Members and the public up to date with agreed constitutional changes, if no process for reporting these publicly were in place.

Recommendations

9. To note the constitutional changes which have been made, as detailed in Annex A, and as a result of the previous decisions of Council during 2009/10 to amend its scrutiny structure, as well as abolish EMAPS and the Shadow Executive, formally.

Reason: To ensure constitutional requirements for reporting details of actual changes to the Council's Constitution are met.

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None

All

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Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A – List of Constitutional Changes