

## **Update on Review of the Constitution**

### **Summary**

This report updates Members on the progress of the review of the Council's Constitution.

### **Background**

1. On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Executive approved proposals for a review of the Council's Constitution, in order to ensure that it is accurate and up to date, and to also ensure that the legal requirements regarding key decisions are met. A copy of the Executive Report of the Interim Assistant Director Legal and Governance is attached to this report at Appendix 1.
2. The review forms the first part of a 2 stage process, the second stage being a review of the Council's formal governance arrangements.
3. The review is already underway; the Interim Assistant Director of Legal and Governance has met with Officers with responsibility for and involvement with specific parts of the Constitution. In addition consultation by way of a Constitution review survey is currently underway involving all City Councillors and Chief Officers, which will run through November.
4. In December, the consultation responses will be collated and considered and discussions with political groups will also take place. It is hoped that the final draft Constitution will be ready for consideration at Full Council on 26 March 2020 with the final version of the Constitution taking effect from May 2020.

### **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to:

5.1. Note the report.

### **Reason:**

To ensure that the Committee is aware of the review of the Constitution and the key stages in this review.

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

**All**

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**Annexes**

Appendix 1 – Executive Report of the Interim Assistant Director Legal and Governance – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019.