

Audit & Governance Committee

28 January 2021

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Amendments to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer since 23 March 2020

Summary

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has issued Regulations which have implications on the functions of the Council. As such the Monitoring Officer has had cause to effect necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution which are outlined in this report.

Background

In response to the national COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has issued legislation and Regulations and associated guidance which have resulted in additional responsibilities and service delivery functions being placed on the Council. As a result this has required amendments to the Council's Constitution by including the legislation detailed below within Section 3 of Council's Constitution. Where necessary, relevant Officer Schemes of Delegation have been amended.

Additions to the Constitution Section 3:

- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 enacted on 2nd December 2020.
- The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No3) and (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 enacted on 6th January 2021.

Implications

Financial

Not applicable to this report.

Human Resources (HR)

The Council is required to respond to national public health guidance and associated legislative measures at this time.

Equalities

Not applicable to this report but decisions made under the legislative changes to the Constitution as detailed within this report may be the subject of consideration of equalities implications on a case by case basis.

Legal

As detailed within the report.

Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property

The Council will utilise recognised ICT platforms for the delivery of remote meetings and live stream meetings via the existing YouTube channel.

Recommendations

To note the Monitoring Officer's amendments to the Council's Constitution.

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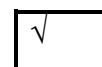


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Specialist Implications Officer(s): none

Wards Affected:

All



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