



Special Advisory Group

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Report title	Changes to the Constitution	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Roger Lawrence Leader of the Council	
Key decision	No	
In forward plan	No	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Executive Team	15 April 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Special Advisory Committee is recommended to agree revisions to the Constitution for approval by Council, specifically:

- (1) To delete the current Cabinet portfolios
- (2) To note the Leader's allocation of responsibilities for Cabinet portfolios as contained in appendix A and insert them into the Constitution
- (3) To amend all references and delegations to Cabinet portfolios to reflect the new Cabinet portfolios contained in appendix A
- (4) To delete terms of reference for the current Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny panels
- (5) To inset the new terms of reference for the Scrutiny Board and scrutiny panels as contained in appendix A
- (6) To amend all references to Scrutiny terms of reference to reflect the new Scrutiny terms of reference as contained in appendix A

1.0 Purpose

1.1 This report outlines the Leader's allocation of responsibilities for Cabinet portfolios and seeks support for new terms of reference of the Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny panels for approval by the Council.

2.0 Background

2.1 Under 6.4 of the Constitution, the Leader of the Council decides the allocations of Cabinet portfolios and he reports these to the Full Council.

2.2 As part of the iterative approach to maintaining the Constitution, the Leader of the Council has requested that amendments be made to the terms of reference for the Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny panels.

3.0 Changes to the Constitution

Rec.	Proposed change	Rationale
1, 2 & 3	Amendments to the Cabinet portfolios (this is in the gift of the Leader of the Council)	To reflect recent changes to the Council's senior management structure.
4, 5 & 6	Amendments to the terms of reference for the Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny panels	To reflect recent changes to the Council's senior management structure.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

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5.0 Legal implications

5.1 The Council is required by Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2000 to prepare and publish a Constitution which contains its standing orders relating to decision-making, finance and contracts. The Council is also required to keep its Constitution updated.

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6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report, as the changes to be made are not a result of any new policy or operational practice.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 None.