

Meeting of the City Council

3 November 2021

Report title	Changes to the Constitution	
Referring body	Governance and Ethics Committee, 22 October 2021	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Paula Brookfield	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paula Brookfield Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities	
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Originating service	Governance	
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Report has been considered by	Governance and Ethics Committee	22 October 2021

Recommendations for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the amendments to the Constitution as detailed in this report.
2. Authorise the Monitoring Officer to implement the changes.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report outlines the changes made to the constitution for approval by the Council. It is recommended that the Council agrees to the amendments to the Council's Constitution to ensure continuing lawfulness and effectiveness.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 22 October 2021, Governance and Ethics Committee considered a report on Changes to the Constitution.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website. [here](#).
- 2.3 Governance and Ethics Committee recommended to Council that it approves:
1. Amendments to the Constitution as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
 2. Authorises the Monitoring Officer to implement the changes.
- 2.4 Only those parts of the constitution listed below are to be amended, the other parts will remain unchanged.

Section	Proposed	Rationale
Part 4 – Full Council Procedure Rules	To ensure that points of order are taken at the time and not at the end of the councillor speaking.	It became clear at the last meeting that points of order need to be able to be made when a councillor is speaking as otherwise this may inadvertently allow a point of order to have been breached, eg ensuring compliance with the time limit.
	To update the protocol for tied votes to remove the references to named individuals	To ensure that the reference is up-to-date.

- 2.5 This is the third of a series of reports – there will be additional reports brought forwards to review the other parts of the constitution. This is an ongoing process and important that this takes place as and when the changes are needed and does not wait for the annual review.

3.0 Financial implications

3.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

4.0 Legal implications

4.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

6.0 All other Implications

6.1 All other implications are detailed in the Governance and Ethics Committee report of 22 October 2021.

7.0 Schedule of background papers

7.1 Changes to the Constitution, Governance and Ethics Committee, 22 October 2021

8.0 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Changes to the Constitution, Governance and Ethics Committee, 22 October 2021