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| **Report to** | | **On** | | |  | | |
| **Council** | | **Wednesday, 28 April 2021** | | |
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| **Title** | | | | **Committee Chair** | | | **Report of** | |
| Changes to the Council's Constitution | | | | **Councillor Ian Watkinson** | | | **Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer** | |

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| Is this report confidential? | No |

## Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for changes to the financial regulations and terms of refence of the Governance Committee in the Council’s constitution.

## Recommendations

1. That the proposed changes to the financial regulations and terms of reference of the Governance Committee in the Council’s constitution as outlined in the report be approved.

## Reasons for recommendations

1. To ensure the Council’s constitution remains up to date and fit for purpose.

## Corporate outcomes

1. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (tick all those applicable):

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| An exemplary council | 🗸 | Thriving communities |  |
| A fair local economy that works for everyone |  | Good homes, green spaces, healthy places |  |

## Background to the report

1. The Governance Committee has a key role in taking an overview of the Council’s constitution to ensure it is current and fit for purpose.

## Financial Regulations

1. At the Governance Committee on 23 March 2021 the meeting considered a report reviewing the financial regulations within the Council’s constitution.
2. A copy of the report and proposed changes considered at the meeting is included at Appendix 1.
3. The proposed changes were agreed by the Governance Committee for approval by Full Council (minute 88 refers).

## Governance Committee Terms of Reference

1. The Governance Committee on 23 March 2021 also considered proposed changes to the Governance Committee’s terms of refence.
2. A copy of the proposed changes considered at the meeting is included at Appendix 2.
3. The proposed changes were agreed by the Governance Committee for approval by Full Council (minute 85 refers).

## Equality and diversity

1. No implications.

## Air quality implications

1. No implications.

## Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

1. Please see the comments included at Appendix 1 – Proposed Changes to Financial Regulations.

## Comments of the Monitoring Officer

1. This report ensures that the Council’s constitution is up to date and fit for purpose. It is therefore in furtherance of the Council’s duty contained in Section 9P of the Local Government Act 2000 to keep up to date its Constitution.

Background documents

There are no background documents to this report.

## Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed changes to Financial Regulations

Appendix 2 – Proposed changes to terms of reference of the Governance Committee

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