

Council – 18th September, 2023

Review of the Constitution

1. Aim

1.1 To ensure that the Council's Constitution is accurate, decision making by officers is clear, transparent and lawful.

2. Summary

2.1 In accordance with the Council's duty and requirements of Article 13 of the Constitution, a review of the Constitution is undertaken annually to ensure appropriateness for the forthcoming municipal year.

2.2 In May 2023, Council approved a number of amendments as part of the annual review.

2.3 In addition to the annual review, a mid-year review has been undertaken. Proposed amendments are shown in the table at 4.1 of this report.

3. Recommendation

That the amendments contained within paragraph 4.1 be approved and the Constitution updated accordingly.

4. Report detail – know

4.1 The following amendment is proposed:-

Part/Article	Revision(s)	Reason
Part 3.5, Table 5, paragraph 18.25.	The following legislation to be added:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014; and • The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (England) Regulations 2020 S.I. 1095 	To enable officers to act.

5. Financial information

5.1 None.

6. Reducing Inequalities

6.1 It is imperative that the Councils decision making structures and processes are lawful, clear and transparent. This ensures that powers are used responsibly and reasonably to give confidence to the entire borough that decision making is fair and beyond reproach.

7. Decide

7.1 Members could decide not to approve the amendments but must be mindful of the need to ensure that the Councils governance process are robust, clear and lawful.

8. Respond

8.1 If approved, the proposed amendments will be incorporated into the Constitution and published on the Councils Committee Management Information Website available to members and officers and the public.

9. Review

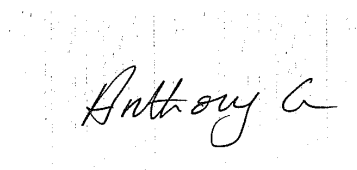
9.1 There will be an ongoing requirement to keep the Constitution up to date and officer delegations under review to ensure that the Council acts within the law.

Background papers

None

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