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Cabinet 18th November, 2002

REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to enable the Cabinet to consider changes to its portfolios which have been recommended by the Organisation Working Party following its recent review of the Constitution.

2. Report

Corporate and departmental management arrangements have been revised in 2002 as a consequence of the Revitalising Neighbourhoods initiative. These have been summarised in the attached **Appendix 1** which illustrates the movement of responsibilities and services between departments.

The Organisation Working Party, at its meeting on 13th November, reviewed the need to update and revise the Council's Constitution to meet current needs, including organisation change.

Amongst other things, the Organisation Working Party favoured making the changes to the Cabinet portfolios as shown in **Appendix 1**, although recognised that this is a matter for Cabinet to decide on.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet consider and approve the proposed changes to the Cabinet portfolios as shown in **Appendix 1**, and also consider any other proposed changes recommended by the Organisation Working Party.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1. Financial Implications

None.

2. Legal Implications

None

3. Other implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	PARAGRAPH REFERENCE WITH SUPPORTING INFORMATION
Equal opportunities	No	
Policy	Yes	As in report
Sustainable and environment	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/people on low income	No	

4. Background papers - Local Government Act 1972

The Constitution.

5. Consultations

All departments

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in	No
Forward Plan	
Executive or	Executive (Cabinet)
Council	
Decision	

APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF RECENT ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES FOLLOWING THE REVITALISING NEIGHBOURHOODS INITATIVE

SERVICE / RESPONSIBILITY	RELEASING DEPARTMENT	RECEIVING DEPARTMENT	COMMENTS/PROPOSED CHANGES TO CABINET PORTFOLIOS
Local Taxation	RAD	Housing	No changes are proposed
Property	E,R&D	RAD	Constitution has already been updated.
Creativity Works	E,R&D	RAD	No changes are proposed
Lifelong learning and community development	Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal	Education	It is proposed to move these services from the Arts, Leisure and Environment Cabinet portfolio to the Education and Lifelong Learning portfolio.
Libraries (except the Records Office)	Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal	Education	This service is already within the Education and Lifelong Learning portfolio.
Markets and ERD advice services	E.R&D	Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal	No changes are proposed.
Service Director post, including responsibilities for New Deal and associated community developments	Housing	Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal	It is proposed to move this function from the Strategic Planning and Regeneration Cabinet portfolio, to the Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal portfolio.