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19th September 2013

REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION FOR LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

**Joint report of the Monitoring Officer and Director of Delivery,
Communications and Political Governance**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree the revision of the Council's Constitution to make it accurate and fit-for-purpose

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Over the previous twelve months Full Council have agreed various changes to the Council's Constitution. Over and above these changes, the law has required other changes to be introduced, particularly around Executive decision-making and Access to Information of such decision-making. Lastly, changes are required to reflect practical experience of officers and Members since the Constitution was last amended.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS (OR OPTIONS)

- 3.1 **To agree the changes to the Constitution in line with the attached Schedule, noting that these include not only revisions to the existing text, but also completely re-written documents in Part 5 (Political Conventions; Planning Guidance; Petitions Scheme)**
- 3.2 **To agree the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14**
- 3.3 **In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35(a), agree:**
- **the increase in size of Audit & Risk Committee by two further elected Members**
 - **the increase in size of Standards Committee by one further elected Member**

- **the increase in size of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to include the Chairs of Audit & Risk Committee; Licensing Committee and Standards Committee where those Chairs are not already otherwise represented.**

4. REPORT

4.1 The attached schedule lists the changes to the Constitution. Read with the electronic version of the Constitution (which retained track-changes and which was e-mailed to all Members with this report) Members will have a comprehensive account of the changes proposed. The Schedule achieves three main tasks:

- i) A reminder of changes to substantive policies that have already been agreed but may not have found their way consistently into the Constitution as published (e.g. in relation to the establishment of the Health & Wellbeing Board)
- ii) New changes arising from legislation (e.g. in relation to Part 4B of the Procedure Rules, which changed the way in which Key Decisions are planned)
- iii) New changes arising from ‘user experience’ (from Members and officers) of the Constitution

5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications

The revision to the Constitution is necessary to ensure lawfulness and probity. The Monitoring Officer has contributed and overseen the revision to the Constitution.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within the Report
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	

Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Corporate Parenting	No	

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 There has been no external consultation.

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