

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	14 OCTOBER 2019	10
CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Audit and Standards Committee, through the Constitution Review Working Group, has undertaken a Constitution refresh. The Constitution Review Working Group had provided periodic reports on its work and a final report was brought before the Audit and Standards Committee at its July meeting. A further report was brought to its meeting in September 2019, to clarify two aspects of the revisions. In addition, proposals on changes to the limits on the number of times members can substitute at Planning Committee were also considered in light of recommendations from the Planning Committee. The final recommendations of the Audit and Standards Committee are now before Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve those aspects of Part 2- Articles of the Constitution, Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions and Part 4 – Rules of Procedure be amended in accordance with the highlighted changes.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council - 3 April 2017
 Finance and Democracy Committee - 19 June 2017, 19 March and 26 November 2018
 Audit and Standards Committee - 15 November 2018
 Finance and Democracy Committee - 26 November 2018
 Council – 10 December 2018
 17 January 2019
 Audit and Standards Committee – 30 July 2019
 Audit and Standards Committee – 19 September 2019
 Planning Committee – 4 September 2019

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

1. The Constitution Review Working Group has discussed and debated a revisions to the constitution and these are were presented to the July Audit and Standards Committee for approval with a view to the same being recommended to the Council for adoption.
2. Two suggested revisions where deferred for further consideration and recommended for approval at the Audit and Standards meeting on 19 September 2019
3. In addition, proposals on changes to the limits on the number of times members can substitute at Planning Committee were also considered in light of recommendations from the Planning Committee. The changes are recommended for clarity, or in the case of the amendment to the recovery procedure in Part 3, to allow Councillors more time to recover a decision.
4. The amendments are appended to the report and are highlighted for ease.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None arising from this report
Legal	None arising from this report
Community Safety	None arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from this report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Constitution		Constitution

Attached: Annotated extracts from Part 2, Part 3 and Part 4 of the constitution showing the proposed changes.