

## CABINET

23 JANUARY 2013

### REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### **A.1 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012**

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#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To enable the Cabinet to recommend to Council proposed changes to the Constitution arising from the coming into force of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Cabinet will recall that, at its meeting held on 7 November 2012, it gave consideration to a report of the then Customer and Central Services Portfolio Holder, which informed it of the statutory changes imposed upon local authorities operating executive arrangements by the aforementioned Regulations. Having considered that report, it had been resolved that Cabinet:-

- (a) *“Notes the Regulations and agrees the proposed practical implementation stages set out in the report;*
- (b) *Notes that, within the proposed practical implementation stages, information previously contained within the Forward Plan with regard to who had been consulted, shall remain, even though there was no longer a requirement to do so;*
- (c) *Authorises the Monitoring Officer to be the proper officer to determine the Council’s response to recommendations arising from the publication of 28 day notices in respect of executive decisions which were to be taken in private; and*
- (d) *Requests the Corporate Management Committee to consider the proposed changes to the Constitution and report back its comments in due course.”*

The Corporate Management Committee, at its meeting held on 6 December 2012, duly considered the proposed changes to the Constitution and decided to note them.

This report therefore provides the Cabinet with the opportunity to now recommend to Council that the proposed changes to the Constitution be approved.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 12 FEBRUARY 2013**

**That the proposed changes to the Constitution, as set out in the Appendix to this report, be approved and adopted with immediate effect.**

#### **APPENDICES**

A1 Appendix Proposed changes to the Constitution