

COUNCIL

22 JANUARY 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET

A.4 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION – PHASE 2

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To approve the recommended changes to the Constitution put forward by the Cabinet following a review undertaken by the Finance and Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder through a Working Party.

BACKGROUND

On 18 January 2019 Cabinet will consider a report of the Finance and Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder which will request Cabinet to approve the recommended changes to the Constitution for referral onto Full Council following a review undertaken by the Portfolio Holder through a Working Party.

The main proposals of the Portfolio Holder will cover a revised approach to how Motions on Notice to Full Council are dealt with, the outcome of the six month review of the committee structure, approval of a Member Referral Scheme for the Planning Committee and revised terms of reference for the Local Plan Committee.

The Portfolio Holder's Report and accompanying Appendices which will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 18 January 2019 are attached as Appendix A.

The Cabinet's recommendations will be tabled at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That, subject to Members' consideration of the recommendations of the Cabinet arising from its meeting on 18 January 2019, Council agrees that:

- (a) the Council's Constitution be amended to reflect the proposed changes as set out in Appendices A to E, attached hereto;
- (b) the changes as set out in appendices A to D to come into effect immediately following approval;
- (c) the changes as set out in Appendix E to the sizes of committees to come into effect from 1st May 2019;
- (d) the start time of 7.30pm for Ordinary Full Council meetings remains unchanged recognising that a proportion of elected councillors are employed; and
- (e) the alternative procedure for changes relating to dealing with Motions on Notice, as set out in the report, is agreed in principle only and that revised Council Procedure Rules be produced for approval to the next practicable meeting of Full Council, so that the same can come into effect on 1st May 2019.