

**ARTICLE 15 – REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**15.01 Duty to Monitor and Review the Constitution**

The Monitoring Officer will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect. The Monitoring Officer will make an annual assessment of the Constitution to identify any weaknesses or improvements in its operation and make recommendations for ways in which it could be amended in order to better achieve its purpose.

**15.02 Changes to the Constitution**

- (a) Any proposals for changes to the Constitution arising from a review of the Constitution, whether it be initiated by the Monitoring Officer or a resolution by a member body, will be reported to the Cabinet, via the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for corporate governance, which in turn will make recommendations to the Council.
- (b) The Monitoring Officer shall have authority to make minor changes to the Constitution arising from:
  - new legislation;
  - changes to the organisational structure of the Council;
  - decisions of the Council or Cabinet; or
  - in exercise of the Leader's authority to make changes to Cabinet responsibilities.
- (c) Subject to (d) below, changes to the Constitution will be approved by the Council only after consideration of a proposal by the Monitoring Officer and the Cabinet.
- (d) Matters affecting the Cabinet shall be approved by the Cabinet or Leader of the Council.
- (e) The Council must comply with regulations made under Section 30 of the Local Government Act 2000, and guidance issued from time to time by the Secretary of State under Section 38, and take reasonable steps to consult with local electors and other interested persons in the area when drawing up any proposals to change from a Leader and Cabinet Executive arrangements to one of the alternative forms permitted by the Local Government Act 2000 or vice versa.