

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

13 December 2021

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PLAN

Reason for this Report

1. To receive, consider and approve the Constitution Committee Forward Work Plan for 2021-22 as detailed in **Appendix A** to this report.

Background

2. The Constitution Committee is responsible for reviewing the Council's Constitution, recommending any changes to Council and/or Cabinet. It has authority (subject to the Monitoring Officer's advice) to make the following changes on behalf of the Council:-
 - a) Drafting improvements to enhance clarity and remove minor anomalies.
 - b) Updating to reflect legislative changes and matters of record.
 - c) Amendments to the Financial, Contracts and Land Procedure Rules (subject to the advice of the S.151 Officer being sought).

Issues

3. The Forward Work Plan gives notice of, and transparency to, matters under review and for decision during the municipal year and reflects the Committee's objective to improve and enhance governance of the Council; to have effective outcomes; and to ensure that it complies with legal obligations and identifies potential risks.
4. The Forward Work Plan needs to reflect the time commitment required for Committee Members and the resources available within the Council to meet the Committee's ambitions.
5. The main work stream for the Committee has been to develop improvements to aspects of the Constitution, in particular in relation to making Council meetings more effective, giving greater transparency to how decisions are made and the way the Council and its officers function.

Legal Implications

6. There are no direct legal implications arising from the content of this report.

Financial Implications

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, provided the work can be met from within existing resources.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to consider and approve the Forward Work Plan 2021-22, and the areas considered as priorities as set out in **Appendix A**.

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Director of Governance & Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

2 December 2021

Appendices

Appendix A – Constitution Committee Forward Work Plan 2021 - 2022

Background Papers

Constitution Committee report, 'Forward Plan 2019/20', February 2019