

Report for: Standards Committee – 29 June 2021

Title: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution (Recruitment of Statutory Officers)

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Ward(s) affected: Not applicable

**Report for Key/
Non-Key Decision:** Non-Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 The Council constitution governs the organisation of Council decision making. It is kept under review and, when necessary, amendments are proposed to Standards Committee for consideration and recommendation on to Full Council, in accordance with Article 14.03 (Changes to the Constitution).
- 1.2 This report takes forward recommendations of the Staffing and Remuneration Committee to amend the Constitution to ensure that members remain responsible for taking steps for the appointment of the Monitoring Officer and to ensure the Monitoring Officer is correctly referred to within the Constitution. The reasons for this are set out in Appendix 1 which is the report considered by the Staffing and Remuneration Committee on the 16th of March.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

Not applicable.

3. Recommendations

The Standards Committee is asked:

- 3.1 To approve the additions to the Constitution set out at appendix 2 to 5.
- 3.2 To recommend that these changes to the Constitution are adopted by Full Council at its meeting on 19th of July 2021.

4. Reasons for decision

- 4.1 To respond to Staffing and Remuneration Committee comments and ensure that the Council constitution includes all the necessary information.

- 4.2 To ensure that the Constitution is updated and allows decision making to be taken forward as efficiently and effectively as possible .

5. **Alternative options considered.**

To not agree the changes to the Council constitution and/ or defer consideration. This option is not recommended as it would be contrary to the request made by Members and Officers.

6. **Background information**

- 6.1 The attached report to Staffing and Remuneration Committee sets out the background for the required changes set out at appendices 2 to 5. These were considered by Staffing and Remuneration Committee on the 16th of March and agreed for recommendation to full Council. Changes to the Constitution would need to be recommended by the Standards Committee, in line with Article 14.03 and the changes put forward to this Committee.

7. **Contribution to strategic outcomes**

The Council's constitution supports the governance of the Council and its decision making thereby assisting the Council to meet its strategic outcomes.

8. **Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

Finance and Procurement

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

- 8.2 The proposed changes to the Council constitution were taken forward with Legal Service assistance.

Equality

- 8.3 There are no equality matters in this report.

9. **Use of Appendices**

Appendices 1 to 5

10. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

The Council constitution can be found at: <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/local-democracy/about-Council/Council-constitution>.