Report for: Standards Committee – 17 November 2026

Title: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Alignment with Pensions Regulations

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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 seeks approval to amend wording in the constitution to bring it in line with new Pensions Regulations following the Fit for the Future amendments. The proposed changes relate to:

- Part Two, 11.01 (b) and (c.) p.31- update table of Statutory Officers and description of the functions and responsibilities of Senior LGPS officer
- Part Three, 2.01, p.100- include Senior LGPS officer into the definition of Statutory Officer
- Part Three, Section E, Section 3, p.117- update table of Delegations to Chief Executive and Statutory Officers to refer to Senior LGPS officer and Regulation 53A of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013
- Part Three, Section 3, p.128, Functions of Senior LGPS officer will be added
- Part Four, Rules of Procedure, para 5.10-5.20 onwards, a new description of Senior LGPS officer will be added

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1. Not applicable

3. Recommendations

That the Standards Committee:

3.1. Consider and comment on the report prior to consideration by the Standards Committee in November and ratification by Full Council on the 23rd of November 2026.

4. Reason for Decision

4.1. To ensure that the Council constitution is accurate and includes all of the necessary information.

5. Alternative options considered

5.1. To not agree the changes to the Council constitution and/ or defer consideration. This option is not recommended as it would delay the implementation of an accurate and complete constitution.

6. Background information

6.1. Following publication of the Government's Fit for the Future statutory governance guidance, a new statutory role of LGPS Senior Officer has been established through the introduction of Regulation 53A of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.

6.2. Regulation 53A requires every administering authority to designate an LGPS Senior Officer. The role carries responsibility for ensuring that the pension fund is appropriately managed and resourced across all aspects of the Scheme, including administration, investment and governance.

6.3. The guidance also places significant emphasis on the LGPS Senior Officer having overarching responsibility for pension functions within the administering authority. Where pension functions are delegated to officers, the guidance states that these should be delegated to the LGPS Senior Officer.

6.4. As this is a new statutory role, amendments to the Council's Constitution will be required to formally establish the position and reflect the associated responsibilities and delegations.

7. Contribution to Strategic Outcomes

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

8. Carbon and Climate Change

8.1. Not applicable

9. Statutory Officers comments (Director of Finance (procurement), Head of Legal and Governance, Equalities)

Finance

9.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal and Governance

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

Equality

9.3 There are no equalities issues arising from this report

10. Use of Appendices

10.1. Appendix 1: Part Two Articles – with proposed amendments

10.2. Appendix 2: Part Three, Section B Responsibility for functions: Full Council & Non-Executive Bodies – with proposed amendments

10.3. Appendix 3: Part Three, Section E Officer Scheme of Delegation – with proposed amendments

10.4. Appendix 4: Part Three – Responsibility for functions Section E – Scheme of Delegation – Section 3 Delegations to the Chief Executive and Statutory Officers – with proposed amendments

11. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

11.1. The Council Constitution which can be found at**:** **London Borough of Haringey Constitution**