

# **Report of the Informal Member Group Convened on 10 July 2014 to Review Proposed Changes to the Council's Constitution**

**Full Council - 21 July 2014**

**Chair: Councillor Claire Kober**

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report outlines the proposed detailed text changes to the Council's Constitution, for implementing the recommendations of the informal member group convened on 10 July 2014 to review proposed changes to the Council's Constitution.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 Article 15.03 (a) of Part 2 (Articles) of the Council's Constitution states that changes to the Constitution will only be approved by Full Council after recommendation of the proposal by an informal Member group convened by the Leader of the Council and following advice from the Monitoring Officer.
- 2.2 An informal Member group was convened by the Leader of the Council on 10 July 2014 where the proposed changes contained in the report at Appendix 1 were discussed. The report summarised the proposed constitutional changes and a full copy of the proposed text changes to the Constitution was available at the meeting on 10 July.

## **3. Constitutional Amendments**

- 3.1 The informal Member group were asked to consider the report at Appendix 1 together with the Schedule of Constitutional Amendments at Appendix 2. Changes proposed in the report at Appendix 1 were agreed, subject to the following amendments:

### Officer Scheme of Delegation – Children's Service

- 3.3 The power to suspend a school's right to a delegated budget, where that school is eligible for intervention, will be delegated to officers, but this must be following consultation with the Cabinet Member.

### Financial Regulations

- 3.4 The proposal to increase officer delegated authority to deal with virements from £100,000 to £250,000 is approved provided the CFO confirms that no policy change is required in relation to this approval. In all other circumstances virements of more than £100,000 will need to go to Cabinet.

### Staffing and Remuneration Committee

- 3.5 The Staffing and Remuneration Committee will be responsible for appointments and dismissals of all Chief and Deputy Chief officers and not as set out in the report.
- 3.6 Consequent on the creation of the Staffing and Remuneration Committee, the Member Allowance Scheme would be updated, and the Chair of the Staffing and Remuneration Committee be given an allowance pending an in-depth review of the whole Member Allowance Scheme following publication of London Council's report *The Remuneration of Councillors in London 2014 - Report of the Independent Panel*.
- 3.7 The Constitutional amendments have been updated to take into account the recommendations set out above. The full copy can be found in the link provided to the Council's Constitution at Appendix 3.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 It is recommended that Council resolve to approve the detailed text changes to the Constitution as set out at Appendix 3, with effect from 22 July 2014.

#### **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1: Briefing for the Leader of the Council and members group convened pursuant to article 15.03, to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Appendix 2: Schedule of Constitutional Amendments.

Appendix 3: Detailed amendments taking into account the recommendations of the Informal Group – the Council's Constitution

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