

DEMOCRACY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE 16 SEPTEMBER 2021

Report Title	North Northamptonshire Constitution
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List of Appendices

Appendix A – Proposed Constitutional Amendments

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to recommend amendments to the Constitution that provide additional clarity and reinforce best practice.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report details amendments proposed by the Constitutional Review Working Group made at its meeting held on 23 August 2021 and sets out proposed amendments to the Constitution for recommendation to the full Council, subject to approval by this Committee.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Democracy and Standards Committee:
- a) Recommend that full Council approve the proposed changes to the Constitution, set out in Appendix A to this report;
 - b) Note the further minor and/or consequential amendments to the Constitution that will be made by the Monitoring Officer under their delegated powers, also set out in Appendix A to this report.

4. Report Background

- 4.1 The North Northamptonshire Constitution was developed over a relatively short period to ensure that the new Council had governance arrangements in place. It was recognised at the approval stage that further review of the Constitution would be necessary once the new Council had been elected.

- 4.2 The Constitutional Working Group meets regularly to review the Constitution and to consider proposed changes to it. The changes recommended at Appendix A provide additional clarity for members, officers and the public.

5. Implications (including financial implications)

5.1 Resources and Financial

- 5.1.1 There are no resources or financial implications arising from the proposals.

5.2 Legal

- 5.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

5.3 Risk

- 5.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

5.4 Consultation

- 5.4.1 There has been no formal consultation, but consultation has been undertaken through the Constitutional Review Working Group.

5.5 Consideration by Scrutiny

- 5.5.1 None applicable to this report.

5.6 Climate Impact

- 5.6.1 None applicable to this report.

5.7 Community Impact

- 5.7.1 None applicable to this report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Constitution of North Northamptonshire Council