

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERS' DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**11 March 2016**

**REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

**Executive Director – Corporate and Commercial Services**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To note minor amendments made under delegated powers; to consider proposed revisions to the Council's Constitution, required as a result of the creation of the Tees Valley Combined Authority; and to give consideration to such other amendments as are considered necessary and appropriate.

**BACKGROUND**

2. Members may recall that a comprehensive review of the Constitution was undertaken in late 2014/early 2015, and a revised Constitution was approved by Council on 1 April 2015.
3. As is inevitably the case, minor changes have been made, either due to typographical errors or omissions, or due to legislative alterations. Whilst these alterations have been made pursuant to the Monitoring Officer's delegated powers, it is useful for Members to note what minor alterations have been made. A list of these changes is attached at Appendix A.
4. In addition to the above, Members will be aware that the creation of the Tees Valley Combined Authority ("TVCA") will have an impact on Middlesbrough Council and, consequently, on the Council's Constitution. In particular, amendments will be required in relation to representation on the TVCA, powers which have been transferred to the TVCA and must therefore be removed from Middlesbrough's Constitution, and powers which may be exercised in tandem with the TVCA, where a reference in the Constitution will be of assistance. Given that the TVCA comes into being on 1 April 2016, with an anticipated first Annual General Meeting to be held in June 2016, it is necessary to have the Constitution amended as required in advance of the latter of those dates. A list of suggested changes is attached at Appendix B.
5. Finally, the revised Constitution has been in operation for almost a year, and experience over that year suggests that there are elements which require further amendment. This is a broader remit than raised in paragraph 4 above, and it is

therefore considered appropriate that the opportunity be given to Members to suggest amendments which they consider would be beneficial. It is therefore proposed that Members give consideration to the current Constitution, and to any proposed amendments they wish to advance. These suggestions will be complemented by proposals to be developed by Officers, and will be discussed at this meeting, and developed in advance of a future meeting of the Committee.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report

## **RECOMMENDATION**

7. That the Committee notes the minor changes made to the Constitution since April 2015, and that the views of the Committee, on revisions to the Constitution, are sought in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

## **BACKGROUND PAPER**

8. The Council's Constitution

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