

Article 12 – Review and Revision of the Constitution

12.1 Duty to Monitor and Review the Constitution

- 12.1.1 The Council from time to time will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect.
- 12.1.2 A key role for the Director of Governance is to be aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution adopted by the Council, and to make recommendations for the way in which it could be amended in order to better reflect the purposes set out in Article 1. In undertaking this task, the Director of Governance may:
- Observe meetings of different parts of the Member and officer structure;
 - Undertake an audit trail of a sample of decisions;
 - Record and analyse issues raised by Members, officers, the public and other relevant stakeholders; and
 - Compare practices in this Council with those in other comparable authorities, or national examples of best practice.

12.2 Changes to the Constitution

- 12.2.1 Substantive changes to the Constitution must be approved by full Council only after consideration of the proposal by the Corporate Select Committee. Changes to factual references, changes required by a change in the law and consequential changes will be made by the Director of Governance. Changes to reflect revised arrangements for the distribution of responsibilities and the delegation of powers to officers in accordance with decisions taken by the person(s) or body with authority to take such action, will be made by the Director of Governance.

