

Chapter 13 – Review and Revision of the Constitution

13.1 Duty to monitor and review the constitution

The Monitoring Officer will monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure its aims and principles are given full effect and report to Members as appropriate.

13.2 Changes to the Constitution

- (a) Except as provided in (c) below, changes to this constitution will only be approved at a meeting of the Council after consideration of the proposal by the Monitoring Officer.
- (b) A vote at Council to change the Constitution should be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting.
- (c) The Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive, has delegated authority to make minor amendments to the constitution arising from changes to legislation, changes to staffing structures, job descriptions or changes in terminology. Such changes will be reported annually to Council. The Monitoring Officer also has authority to amend the constitution to implement decisions of the Leader in relation to the delegation of executive functions to the Executive.
- (d) If the proposal involves a change from the existing Leader and Cabinet form of executive to another form of executive, the council must take reasonable steps to consult with local electors and other interested persons in the District. If the proposed new form of executive involves an elected mayor, the council must also hold a referendum.