

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th February 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Constitution Update

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that gave an update on the Stockton on Tees Borough Council Constitution.

All Local Authorities in England had a statutory duty under the Local Government Act 2000 to maintain an up to date Constitution and to make their Constitution publicly available.

In addition, Article 15 of the Stockton on Tees Borough Council Constitution imposes a duty on the Monitoring Officer:

"... on behalf of and in consultation with the Chief Executive, to monitor and review the operation of the Constitution on a regular basis, in order to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect and that the Scheme of Delegation, Rules of Procedure, Codes and Protocols and all of the other constituent elements are up to date and reflect legislative changes, the outcome of reviews or inspections and decisions taken by the Council"

The report outlined the findings of the Monitoring Officer's annual review of the operation of the Constitution and proposed a timetable for the conclusion of the review and the process for consultation and approval by Members of an updated version of the Constitution.

A summary of a draft revised structure for the constitution and possible items for removal was attached to the report.

It was proposed that these recommendations for updating the constitution be presented to Members at a Members Policy Seminar on 19th February 2018.

Following the Members Policy Seminar it was proposed that the updated version of the Constitution be drafted, taking into account any matters raised at the Members Policy Seminar. It was proposed that the revised

constitution be brought back to Cabinet on 19th April 2018 to seek a recommendation for approval at Council on 25th April 2018.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The initial review of the constitution be noted.
2. The parameters and process for conclusion of the review of the Council's constitution as set out in paragraphs 7 to 16 be approved.
3. Reasons for the Decision
To update Members on the process for reviewing the constitution.
4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected
None.
5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest
None.
6. Details of any Dispensations
N/A
7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed
Midnight, 23 February 2018

Proper Officer
19 February 2018