

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

25 MAY 2022

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

SUMMARY

This report presents the updated Constitution for consideration by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The minor amendments made to the Constitution by the Monitoring Officer be noted
2. The amendments to the section relating the Functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board be approved and the amended Constitution agreed.

DETAIL

1. The Senior Management Review resulted in changes to the titles of some of the Directors and Directorates referred to in the Constitution.
2. The Monitoring Officer, on behalf of and in consultation with the Managing Director, has a responsibility under paragraph 1.37 of the Constitution to monitor and review the Constitution on a regular basis and has delegated authority to make changes to the Constitution, to, amongst other minor changes, reflect the Council's structures and decision making requirements.
3. The Monitoring Officer has therefore made the necessary changes to the Constitution to change the names of the Directors, Officers and Directorates to reflect the changes to the Senior Management Structure.
4. Due to the significant changes to the Health System with the introduction of Integrated Care Systems the following changes are also proposed to be made to the Functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the Constitution which require agreement by Council:-
 - a. The Leader of the Council be added as a voting Board member
 - b. The Leader of the Council shall chair the Board
5. An additional voting member will need to be added to the Board to ensure political balance is maintained, this will be done and will be appointed at the next Council meeting. There is no meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to the next proposed Council meeting in June 2022.
6. A tracked-changes version of the Constitution highlighting the amendments referred to in this report is available on the Members area of the Intranet <https://intranet.stockton.gov.uk/members/constitution-and-procedure-rules/>

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

1. There will be no community impact implications arising from this report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. There are no financial implications arising from this report. The cost of the review of the Constitution is covered by the ongoing revenue budget for the Corporate Services Directorate.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

1. Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to keep its Constitution under review. The Constitution delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer to review the constitution and make minor changes but other changes require the approval of Council.

RISK ASSESSMENT

1. This report is categorised as low to medium risk.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

1. There are no corporate parenting implications as a direct result of this report.

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