

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Standards Committee**

**15th October 2024**

**ANNUAL CONSTITUTION REVIEW**

**Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer**

Classification: This report is public

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

Each year the Standards Committee carries out a review of the Constitution and presents an updated version to the Council at the Annual Meeting in May. This report is to commence that process.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Members consider what areas of the Constitution they wish to review and let the Monitoring Officer know before the next Standards Committee meeting so that they can be incorporated into the work plan.

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**IMPLICATIONS**

**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:**

As in the report

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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Staffing: Yes  No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>NEDDC:</b> <b>Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:</b>	
<b>Stage 1 screening undertaken</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2</li></ul>	This is a discussion report and does not make recommendations as to change in any area.
<b>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report</li></ul>	No, not applicable
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></b>	No – for the Committee to consider and there is no recommendation.  Details:

**Links to Council Plan priorities;**

- **A great place that cares for the environment**
- **A great place to live well**
- **A great place to work**
- **A great place to access good public services**

A great place to access good public services – this report concerns the governance arrangements for the Council and their annual review.

## **REPORT DETAILS**

### **1 Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 Each year a review of the Council's Constitution is undertaken by the Standards Committee. In the past 2 years this has been an in depth review making some significant changes to the Constitution in some areas as well as keeping it up to date.
- 1.2 A review of the Constitution in terms of typographical errors, new legislation change in titles etc. has already been carried out. Further checks will be done to make sure that this is as thorough as possible.
- 1.3 In terms of further areas to review, it is suggested that a light touch review is carried out. Members suggestions as to which areas require such a review are sought.
- 1.4 In any event, there will be some areas brought forward by officers for Members consideration in future meetings.
- 1.5 The reviewed Constitution will be presented to Council at the Annual Meeting in May 2025.

### **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 For Members to consider what areas of the Constitution they consider need a review and/or change and bring suggestions to the next meeting of the Standards Committee.

### **3 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Following 2 years of thorough review of the Constitution and significant changes being made, it is considered (subject to Members' view) not to be necessary to carry out an in depth review this year.
- 3.2 Members will identify any areas of concern that require review in addition to any proposed by officers.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 To carry out a full review of the constitution. This is considered unnecessary in view of the reviews carried out in the previous 2 years.

## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
None	
<p><b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
<p><b>None</b></p>	