

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

7 May 2025

Review of the Constitution 2024/25

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To present the final draft version of the Constitution to Members of the Standards Committee, prior to presentation at the Council's Annual Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, subject to any comments by Members of Standards Committee, Council be recommended to approve the Constitution attached.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☒ No ☐

Details: As in the report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? 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: NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None directly
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	Yes, appended.
Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details: previous meetings of Standards Committee.

Links to Council Plan priorities; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Indirectly affects all the above.

REPORT DETAILS

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

- 1.1 Standards Committee has been carrying out their annual review of the Council's Constitution over their meetings this corporate year. Members have looked at a number of areas including the changes to procurement as a result of the implementation of the Procurement Act 2023. This has been a light touch review as a thorough review was undertaken last year. However of necessity it has included the significant Procurement Act 2023 changes.
- 1.2 In addition the Monitoring Officer has separately reviewed the Constitution under the delegation in the Constitution to correct typos, update titles and references to legislation and to clarify where necessary.
- 1.3 The final table of changes, including those made at the last meeting of Standards Committee is attached at Appendix 2.
- 2. Details of Proposal or Information**
- 2.1 The final version of the draft Constitution is attached for Members to consider and make comments. This will then be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Council for approval for the forthcoming year.
- 3 Reasons for Recommendation**
- 3.1 To ensure the Constitution is up to date and approved annually by Council.
- 4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**
- 4.1 There are no acceptable alternatives.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	EIA Stage 1
2	Table of changes
3	Draft Constitution
Background Papers (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)	
None	