

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

20 JUNE 2018

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek Council's approval of proposed amendments to the Constitution.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

- 2.1 The Constitution governs the operation of the Authority and thereby connects to the Corporate Improvement Plan and all Corporate Priorities:

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the County a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
2. **Helping people to be more self-reliant** – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

3. Background.

- 3.1 A desktop review of the Constitution has been undertaken to ensure that it is up to date and fit for purpose.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The recent changes to the structure and personnel within the Operational and Partnership Services Directorate require changes to the Constitution. It is recommended that all references within the Constitution to the Corporate Director – Operational and Partnership Services are deleted and replaced with Solicitor to the Council.

Audit Committee

- 4.2 Effective Audit Committees bring many benefits to an organisation and to ensure that the Council continues to provide an effective Audit Committee, the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference are considered and approved as appropriate by

members on an annual basis. Attached as **Appendix 1** are proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for approval by Council. The amendments are highlighted via tracked changes.

Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

- 4.3 It is recommended that the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules are amended at paragraph 2(d) as highlighted via tracked changes attached as **Appendix 2**.

Voting

- 4.4 It is recommended that Part 4 Rules of Procedure be amended at paragraph 17 in relation to the Mayor casting vote as highlighted via tracked changes attached as **Appendix 3**.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The Constitution governs the operation of the Authority and thereby has an effect upon the operation of the Policy Framework.
- 5.2 The Constitution will require amendment as a result of this report.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

- 6.1 Although there are no direct impacts, the Constitution as the key governance framework document for the Authority is critical in demonstrating commitment to the Authority's duties under the Equality Act 2010.

7. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

- 7.1 The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.

8. Financial Implications.

- 8.1 None.

9. Recommendations.

- 9.1 Council is recommended to approve the amendments to the Constitution as set out in the report and attached appendices.

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