

**COUNCIL
26 MAY 2021**

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF REPORT: CONSTITUTIONAL REPORT TO COUNCIL UNDER Section 2.6.6

REPORT OF: THE SERVICE DIRECTOR LEGAL AND COMMUNITY & MONITORING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: COUNCILLOR MARTIN STEARS-HANDSCOMB

COUNCIL PRIORITY: BE A MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COUNCIL

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 To present a report to Council regarding amendments to the Constitution following legislative changes and virtual meeting arrangements as per section 2.6.6, with effect from 7 May 2021. Further amendments were made under 2.6.2 with regards the NHDC Code of Conduct which have to be notified to all Members (as opposed to reported to Full Council). These are included in the appended Delegated Decision and Appendix A Schedule.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That Full Council noted and endorses the amendments made to the Constitution¹.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. To ensure the Constitution reflects legislative change and minor amendments required following Council resolution of 15 April 2021.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1. None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1. As per the attached consultation with Group Leaders.

6. FORWARD PLAN

6.1 As per the attached delegated decision.

¹ Updated version on internet: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/council-constitution>

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 As per the attached delegated decision.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 As per the attached delegated decision.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1. As per the attached.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 As per the attached delegated decision.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1. As per the attached delegated decision.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 As per the attached delegated decision.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1. As per the attached delegated decision.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

14.1 As per the attached delegated decision.

15. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

15.1 As per the attached delegated decision.

16. APPENDICES

16.1 Delegated Decision & Appendix A Schedule of amendments.

17. CONTACT OFFICERS

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18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

18.1 None.