

**Meeting of the Full Council**  
**Meeting to be held on Thursday, 27 May 2021**

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**Part A**

Electoral Division affected:  
None;

**Constitution of the County Council 2021/22**  
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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**Executive Summary**

Full Council is required to approve the Constitution on an annual basis. This report seeks the council's approval of the Constitution for the year ahead, noting changes made since the Annual General Meeting in 2020.

**Recommendation**

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Note the changes made to the Constitution since the Annual General Meeting in 2020.
- (ii) Consider any changes Full Council might wish to make to the Constitution to enable the efficient and effective running of the county council.
- (iii) Authorise the Director of Corporate Services to make any consequential changes to other parts of the Constitution arising from these changes; and
- (iv) Approve the Constitution of the county council for the year 2021/22.

**Background and Advice**

Full Council is required to approve the county council's Constitution on an annual basis. Appendix 'A' lists the changes that have been made to the Constitution since the Annual General Meeting in 2020, for information.

The full Constitution is available on the county council's website via the following link, or by using the search field:

<https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=914&MId=2916&Ver=4&info=1&bcr=1>

Note that the changes introduced to Section A of the Standing Orders last year to facilitate virtual meetings expired on 7 May and have now been removed from the Constitution.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

The county council is required to have a constitution, setting out the various roles and functions of different parts of the council and how decisions are made. Parts of the Constitution are governed by statute, which require particular arrangements to be included, for example on meetings to be held in public, establishment of committees, or who can make certain decisions. In most areas, within the statutory framework, the council has some freedom to make its own arrangements. The changes proposed to the county council's Constitution in this report ensure that the council continues to meet its statutory obligations.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A