

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 July 2022

Report submitted by: Director of Corporate Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Report of the Political Governance Working Group
(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Brief Summary

The Political Governance Working Group met on 22 June 2022 and made recommendations to Full Council on the following issues:

- Terms of Reference for the Political Governance Working Group (see Appendix 'A').
- Amendments to Appendix P of the Constitution – Protocol on webcasting, recording and reporting on meetings (see Appendix 'B').

Recommendation

That Full Council agrees:

- (i) The Terms of Reference for the Political Governance Working Group as set out at Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) The amended Appendix P of the Constitution - Protocol on webcasting, recording and reporting on meetings as set out at Appendix 'B'.

Detail

Full Council, at its Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2022, agreed that the Political Governance Working Group should meet quarterly to be a forum for matters relating to the political management of the authority and for regular engagement between political groups and key officers.

The first meeting of the Group since that decision was on 22 June 2022, at which the Group considered some Terms of Reference. Those Terms of Reference are now presented to Full Council for approval at Appendix 'A'.

At that meeting, the group also considered revisions to the Protocol on Webcasting, recording and reporting on meetings, which forms Appendix P of the Constitution.

The previous version of this protocol made only passing reference to webcasting. The protocol has been updated to reflect that the council now webcasts all of its formal committee meetings that take place at County Hall that are open to the public, and to explain the implications of that to anyone attending in person. The sections on recording or reporting on meetings are largely unchanged as these elements reflect our statutory duties in this regard. The revised protocol is presented at Appendix 'B'.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The county council is required to have a constitution which sets out how the Council operates. The proposals in this report are designed to ensure that the council's constitution and the processes for reviewing and updating the constitution remain robust.

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

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A