

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 25 May 2023

Report submitted by: Director of Law and Governance

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None

Corporate Priorities:
N/A;

Constitution of the County Council 2023/24
(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Brief Summary

Full Council is required to approve the Constitution on an annual basis. This report seeks Full Council's approval of the Constitution for the year ahead, including changes resulting from the Cabinet meeting held on Thursday 4 May and noting other changes made since the Annual General Meeting in 2022.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to:

- (i) Approve the changes to the Constitution arising from the Cabinet decision to update the Cabinet Member portfolios as set out at Appendix 'B'.
- (ii) Authorise the Director of Law and Governance to make any consequential changes to other parts of the Constitution arising from these changes; and
- (iii) Approve the Constitution of the county council for the year 2023/24, noting the changes, set out at Appendix 'A', that have been made to the Constitution since the Annual General Meeting in 2022.

Detail

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 2022, for information.

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

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

Additionally, at its meeting held on Thursday 4 May 2023, Cabinet agreed to amend the Cabinet Portfolio responsibilities. Full Council is asked to approve the subsequent changes to the Constitution, as set out at Appendix 'B'.

Full Council is also asked to note that the Political Governance Working Group will be leading a review of the Constitution during 2023/24.

Appendices

Appendix	Title
Appendix 'A'	Lancashire County Council Constitution Amendments since May 2022
Appendix 'B'	Cabinet Portfolio Responsibilities

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, the establishment of committees, or who can take 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.



