

CONSTITUTION WORKING PARTY

Meeting: 23 September 2021

At: 5.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor in the chair; Councillors Paul Ankers, Anna Charles-Jones, Colin Foster, Mike Hurleston, Tom McGee, Dena Ryness and Lisa Smart.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Tom McGee be elected Chair of the Working Party for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Tom McGee in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Colin Foster be elected Vice Chair of the Working Party for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

3. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 16 November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5. PROPOSED REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

The Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which outlined areas of the Constitution that required a review pursuant to the Monitoring Officer's obligation to review the Constitution to ensure it remains up to date in so far as possible and to consider further changes suggested by Members of the Working Party.

Members reviewed and discussed the proposals set out in the report and agreed the following way forward in relation to proposed amendments to take forward through the governance process.

RESOLVED – (i) That the November meeting of the Constitution Working Party would discuss the suggestions put forward by the Monitoring Officer in the report and in addition further information relating to the Contract Procedural Rules and the Councillors New Model Code of Conduct would also be discussed at this meeting.

(ii) That the December meeting of the Constitution Working Party considers the points raised by Councillor Smart, including Full Council and Area Committee functions and also potentially Informal Council and the Mayoralty.

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(iii) If necessary, a third meeting to be arranged to discuss the final report or to wrap up any other matters that may be required in order to take the proposed amendments forward through the governance process.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm