

Report to:	Audit and Governance Committee	Date of Meeting:	10 September 2014
Subject:	Health Scrutiny Guidance – Proposed Amendments to the Constitution	Wards Affected:	All Wards
Report of:	Director of Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision?	No	Is it included in the Forward Plan?	No
Exempt/Confidential	No		

Purpose/Summary

To advise on amendments to the Council's Constitution, to be submitted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care)

Recommendation(s)

That the following additional amendments to the Council's Constitution be approved:-

1. The text attached at Appendix A to the report to be added to the terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) in Chapter 6 of the Council's Constitution.
2. The function to allow the full Council to formally respond to consultations by relevant NHS bodies and relevant service health providers on substantial reconfiguration proposals.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local	√		

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Reasons for the Recommendation:

To report on proposed amendments to the Council’s Constitution and to ensure that it is up to date.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: Non-reporting would not be conforming to the proper procedures for implementation of amendments to the Council’s Constitution.

What will it cost and how will it be financed? N/A

(A) Revenue Costs None

(B) Capital Costs None

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Financial		
Legal		
Human Resources		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD.....) has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD.....) has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 At the time of drafting this report, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) is anticipated to consider a report by the Director of Corporate Services on the new Health Scrutiny Guidance, at its meeting on 2 September 2014.
- 1.2 The report includes recommendations for amendments to be made to the Council's Constitution.

2. Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) – Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The new Health Scrutiny Guidance contains a number of key messages and it is deemed necessary to amend the Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care), in order to reflect those key messages.
- 2.2 The additional Terms of Reference are attached to this report at **Appendix A**.

3. Consultations on Substantial Variations/Reconfigurations

- 3.1 In addition, mechanisms for responding to any future consultations by relevant NHS bodies and health providers on substantial reconfiguration proposals need to be considered and put in place.
- 3.2 At present this function is not included within the Council's Constitution. The Constitution will require amending to allow the full Council to respond to consultations by relevant NHS bodies and relevant service health providers on substantial reconfiguration proposals.
- 3.3 The Committee is requested to approve an addition to the Council's Constitution to allow the full Council to formally respond to consultations by relevant NHS bodies and relevant service health providers on substantial reconfiguration proposals.

4. Matters for Consideration

An update on the decisions taken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) at its meeting to be held on 2 September 2014, on the new Health Scrutiny Guidance, will be provided at the meeting.