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CONSTITUTION ADVISORY GROUP

DATE: 13 July 2010

TITLE	Constitution Update
REPORT OF	Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE	To note and endorse the proposal to publish the updated Constitution.
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ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL	Minute No. C/09/84 – Council, 25 February 2010
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RECOMMENDATION:

<p>That the Constitution Advisory Group note that the Constitution has now been updated to reflect the changes arising from the Senior Management Review and other revisions recently approved by the Council, and endorse the publication of the amended version.</p>
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The Council, at its meeting held on 25 February 2010 agreed that following ratification of the revised senior management structure by the Executive, “the Monitoring Officer, after consultation with the Constitution Advisory Group, be authorised to amend the Constitution, as necessary, to reflect the amended Directorates structure and the allocation of functions within those Directorates”.

2. The Executive at its meeting held on 9 March 2010 endorsed the final senior management structure and the final piece in the jigsaw was completed with the designation of statutory officer posts by the Council at its meeting on 24 June 2010.
3. The Constitution has now been updated to reflect the necessary adjustments arising from the senior management review. These changes involved amending officer post titles throughout the document, as appropriate, and moving officer delegations, where necessary, to align with the appropriate Director under the revised organisational structure. The document has also been amended to include other recent changes which have already been approved by the Constitution Advisory Group and subsequently Council.
4. Given that the changes are consequential upon other decisions already taken by the Council, it has been agreed with the Chairman of the Group, that it would not be an efficient use of resources to publish the revised Constitution with this agenda. A track changed version is however available and can be provided to Members on request either in an electronic format or in hard copy.

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Key Background Papers:

Notes of previous meetings.
