

Proposed amendment to the Constitution to provide for the inclusion of membership requirements of the Constitution Advisory Group

Part A5 REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

2. Changes to the Constitution

2.1 Subject to paragraph 2.4, changes to the Constitution will only be approved by the full Council, after consideration of the proposal by the Constitution Advisory group (or other appropriate member body appointed for similar purposes), which will recommend changes to the Council.

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2.2 The Constitution Advisory Group will be appointed annually at the Annual Council meeting and will comprise a membership of 4, proportionate to the political structure of the Council, with one substitute member. The membership of the Advisory Group shall include the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council and at least one member of the Executive.

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2.3 The Constitution Advisory Group will have regard to advice from the Monitoring Officer on any proposals relating to the constitution. The Monitoring Officer may submit a report direct to the Council in any case where his/her advice is not accepted by the Group.

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2.4 The Monitoring Officer shall, after consultation with the Constitution Advisory Group, make urgent amendments, amendments to give effect to any decision of the Council or changes in the law, and minor amendments such as to correct errors or to ensure that the constitution is up-to-date. Any such changes will also be circulated to all members of the Council on a quarterly basis.

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